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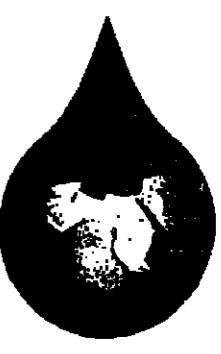
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**Locust swarms invade Saudi Arabia**

Riyadh, Oct 16. (Reuter): Swarms of desert locusts stretching over a 650-kilometre (400-mile) front have begun invading Saudi Arabia, officials said.

Officials from the Jeddah-based Locust Research Centre said at the weekend the invasion of the voracious insects could be the worst in 20 years and cause heavy crop damage.

"There are many locusts around," said a centre official. "They started arriving on Wednesday and Thursday from Sudan and Ethiopia."

"This is a very intensive invasion. They are covering the entire region," he said.

#### Control

"We are doing our best in attempting to control them but if they continue coming some agricultural damage may occur."

Saudi officials have been preparing all summer for the locusts whose numbers have reached plague proportion in Africa.

The insects are now along most of Saudi Arabia's narrow Red Sea coastal area called the Tihamah, infesting an area running from 350 kilometres (220 miles) north of the port city of Jeddah to 300 kilometres (190 miles) south of the city, officials say.

They fear the locusts could easily spread to the nearby mountain range and south to the port of Jizan and breed.

"There is little danger that the insects will breed along the coast because it is too dry," said one official. "However, if they reach Taif (in the mountains) or the Jizan area they will find better breeding grounds due to recent rains."

"That is the real danger."

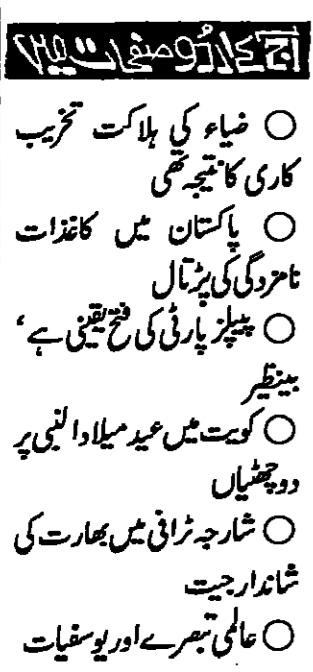
If the locusts begin laying eggs the cycle will continue and new

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## WEATHER

PARTLY cloudy weather with light to moderate south-easterly wind. Sun set semi moderate. High temp: 50 pm. Low water: 10.00 am and 9.00 pm. Sunrise: 5.16 pm. Sunset: 5.16 pm. Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 38°C 100°F. Ahmad: 35°C 95°F. Falaka: 33°C 91°F. Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 37°C 99°F. Ahmad: 34°C 93°F. Falaka: 32°C 90°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 94 per cent. Ahmad: 95 per cent. Falaka: 95 per cent. Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 93 per cent. Ahmad: 96 per cent. Falaka: 100 per cent.

**Probe results revealed**

# Sabotage killed Zia

ISLAMABAD, Oct 16, (Reuter): The plane crash which killed President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq on Aug 17 was caused by sabotage, a Pakistani official said.

A Pakistan Air Force technical investigation, carried out with US assistance, failed to pin-point the cause.

But its report, presented at a news conference, said there was no evidence of mechanical failure and a suicide mission by the crew could not be considered seriously.

"The finding is that it is a case of sabotage resulting in the crash of the plane," Fazal Khan Bandial, the senior civil servant in charge of co-ordinating further inquiries said.

The technical report, which included analysis of debris by US laboratories and interviews with eyewitnesses, was more cautiously worded.

#### Reasons

"In the absence of technical reasons that explain the cause of the mishap, the (investigating) board believes that the accident was most probably caused through perpetration of a criminal act or sabotage," Defence Ministry Secretary Jhal Haider Zaidi told the conference.

Witnesses said the plane pitched wildly for about two minutes before plunging into the ground, which it struck at an angle of 60-65 degrees, the report said.

"In the final analysis the presence of the unexplained elements... arouses suspicion and cannot be ignored," it said. "On the other hand the evidence gathered cannot prove conclusively the use of low intensity device either."

The report made clear the C-130 had no voice recorder in the cockpit and the team recommended that they be installed in all similar planes in Pakistan.

#### Absence

In the absence of recorded evidence, they could not absolutely rule out physical interference with the controls by a hijacker or member of the crew, it said.

But it was only a remote possibility that both pilots could be overpowered simultaneously or that one could crash the plane against the determined efforts of the other to keep it flying.

"The possibility of physical interference with the controls, though not ruled out on the basis of any evidence to the contrary, cannot be considered seriously," it said.

Air Commodore Abbas Mirza, who headed the technical team, told a news conference that the last communication from "Pakistan one" to the Bawaliw-

pur control tower was "stand by, stand by". Silence followed.

He said the pilot, Farrukh Hassan Mashhood, was one of the best in the Air Force, with nearly 7,000 miles flying to his credit. All the crew were medically fit and fully competent. "They were all top class," A category," Mirza said.

#### Contamination

The report said there was some evidence of contamination in the hydraulic system, but this was not conclusive. Otherwise all the plane's systems were apparently in perfect working order when it hit the ground.

After a thorough analysis of the available evidence, the board has been unable to substantiate a technical reason for the accident," it said.

"The only other possible cause of the accident is the occurrence of a criminal act or sabotage leading to the loss of aircraft control...."

Zaidi said no arrests had been made. "That will be the responsibility of the other inquiry committee," he said.

The report made no references to who might be responsible, and the officials said investigations by Pakistan intelligence agencies were continuing.

US Ambassador Arnold Raphel and several of Pakistan's top military men were also killed when the Air Force Hercules C-130 plunged into a field near Bawaliw in eastern Pakistan.

Zia had ruled this Muslim country of 104 million people with a firm hand for 11 years after seizing power in 1977, and his sudden death threw the political scene wide open. The campaign for elections on Nov 16 is in full swing.

#### Traces

The report said a total of 31 people died in the crash, rather than 30 as officially reported previously. There was no immediate explanation of the discrepancy.

It ruled out the possibility that an anti-aircraft missile might have shot down the Hercules and said there was no sign of fire on board until the plane hit the ground.

The investigators found no evidence of any high-intensity

## Benazir unconcerned at alliance against her

KARACHI, Oct 16, (Reuter): Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said today she was not concerned that her main rivals had joined forces to fight her in next month's elections.

"We are not afraid of anyone," the 35-year-old opposition leader told reporters. "We will certainly win the elections."

The two quarrelling factions of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) said yesterday they had buried their differences and reunited under former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

Each faction had formed an alliance with other parties and talks were held today to see whether they could all be accommodated in one large anti-Benazir electoral pact.

#### Rejected

Benazir said the people joining the rival alliance were power-hungry and supporters of the late military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

"The people have rejected such politicians," she said. "We are not scared of the political alliances which are being formed

by Zia's supporters."

"We are only concerned about the post-election period — whether power is transferred or not," she said.

Zia's death in a plane crash two months ago after 11 years in power has made Benazir's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) a strong prospect for the Nov 16 poll.

Benazir, speaking at her new Karachi home, said some PPP leaders had been receiving all sorts of anonymous telephone threats, including death threats.

#### Hope

Local police said they had received no formal complaints about any such threats. The government has given Benazir herself round-the-clock protection by plainclothes armed guards since Zia's death.

Benazir has been in a conciliatory mood in the run-up to the elections. "The first ray of hope for democracy is visible after 11 years of repressive rule," she said.

"We want to forgive and forget the past for a prosperous Pakistan. Our fight is based on principles, we have no animosity towards others."

The survey, carried out from Sept 22-26 by market and Opinion Research International, interviewed 994 people aged 15 or older at locations throughout Britain.



A Palestinian youth armed with a sling hurla a stone at Israeli troops as the Army dispersed a demonstration mourning the death of two villagers by Army gunfire. (Reuter wirephoto)

## UN to assemble helicopter force in Gulf: Norway

KUWAIT, Oct 16. (Reuter): The United Nations is assembling a force of helicopters and small aircraft to help it monitor the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joergen Holst said today.

Holst, on a Middle East tour, also criticised the spread of chemical weapons and medium-range missiles in the Gulf and challenged Israel to prove its support for international curbs on nuclear proliferation.

Norway has nearly 1,000 soldiers with UN peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, including 15 with the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG) stationed along the 1,200-km (740-mile) Iran-Iraq border.

#### Enormous

"We've been asked and we've said yes to contribute personnel for a helicopter squadron to be part of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire observation team," Holst told Reuters in an interview.

"It's an enormous area and helicopters constitute a very efficient way of bringing people from point A to point B... and of course from your ability to observe is significantly enhanced."

Holst said Norway would contribute around 25 pilots, navigators and maintenance personnel to the helicopter squadron. He said the United Nations envisaged a separate squadron of light aircraft but was still working out details.

The Aug 20 ceasefire has held with few violations and Holst said he was optimistic UN-sponsored peace talks to end the eight-year-old conflict would eventually bear fruit.

The talks have stalled over an Iraqi demand that clearing the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms the southern Iran-Iraq border, take priority over a withdrawal of forces.

## Benjedid frees minors arrested during riot

ALGIERS, Oct 16. (AP): President Chadli Benjedid ordered the release of about 500 minors, arrested in last week's riot, and today suspended the special courts set up to try them.

All hearings before the special courts were suspended and the accused still held will "benefit fully of the rights of defence in accordance with the law," he said.

No judgement will be pronounced other than in the strict respect of legality."

Altogether, more than 3,000 persons were reportedly arrested during the troubles, mostly for looting and acts of vandalism. Miloud Brahimi, the president of Algeria's League for Human Rights, protested last week against the special tribunals as violations of the fundamental right of presumed innocence.

In addition to the minors, the government also ordered the release of all those not directly involved in the revolt, and those "arrested for crimes of opinion."

Schools reopened throughout Algeria yesterday, and complete quiet was reported everywhere.

Interior Minister El Hadi Khedid announced a nationwide revision of electoral lists as a first step to the Nov 3 referendum which is to legitimise Benjedid's "process of democratisation."

#### Discussed

In the referendum, the citizens are to be asked to approve a revision of the constitution making the future prime minister answerable to the Parliament. Other, more far-reaching reforms are to be discussed by the national congress of the ruling National Liberation Front in December.

"I believe very rapid developments which depends on the US and Israeli elections as well as on the meeting of the PNC will open the doors for an invitation to Mr Arafat," he added.

In Cairo, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Moguid said today a 1947 UN General Assembly resolution that served as the birth certificate of the state of Israel should also lead to the emergence of an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied territories.

No one has publicly proposed the introduction of a multi-party system, other than various opposition groups based abroad.

But the national news agency, Algerie Presse Service, said the referendum "introduces the fundamental problem of the full participation in the political life of the country for all citizens."

## 6 die in Beirut militia clashes

BEIRUT, Oct 16. (Agencies): Six people were killed and 25 wounded in an overnight clash in South Beirut between the Amal militia and militants of the Hezbollah, police said today.

They said both sides used mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and machine-guns during the five-hour firefight in the densely populated districts of Ghobeiri and Shiayh.

A police spokesman said Syrian soldiers deployed in the area to put an end to the fighting, which started fires in numerous apartment buildings.

It was the first major clash in nearly five months between Hezbollah and Amal.

Both have been vying for dominance of Lebanon's 1.2 million Shiites, the nation's largest sect.

Syria stationed troops to the devastated suburbs on May 27 to put an end to a three-week bloody confrontation between the two militias in which nearly

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## DAY BY DAY

THE unavailability of adequate transportation facilities is one of the obstacles Arab countries face in increasing their import and export trade volume.

Till now, no regular marine routes link Arab countries with their counterparts in far off places. Flights to such countries are very few and far between.

If such services are made available, they may lose initially. However, ultimately, they will show profits when people become receptive and trade increases.

Now, Arab governments are required to create such transport links to forge a true and strong economic link between all parts of the Arab world to achieve mutual benefits.

Zahed Matar

## INTERNATIONAL

**Mickey Mouse embraces Soviet Bear Misha near Kremlin Wall**

MOSCOW, Oct 16. (Reuter): Mickey Mouse went for a stroll on Moscow's Red Square yesterday with his local counterpart, Misha the Bear, to the delight of Soviet children who thought all they were going to see was the Kremlin.

The world-famous mouse was on his first tour of the Soviet capital as the host of a two-week Walt Disney film festival in Moscow, Leningrad and Tallinn, capital of Soviet Estonia.

Dressed in his traditional red trousers, black jacket and bright yellow tie, Mickey walked hand-in-hand with Misha past the 16th century St Basil's cathedral. The American mouse and Soviet bear embraced near the Kremlin Wall.

The pair then mingled with the Sunday morning sight-seeing crowds and patted the heads of children who abandoned parents and tour guides and dashed over to meet them.

**Extensive**

Mickey also posed for photographs with a few Soviet soldiers before departing for Gorky park with Misha, a Teddy bear character created in 1980 as the mascot for the Moscow Olympics.

The Walt Disney festival, the first extensive showing of Disney films in the Soviet Union, was to open last evening in Moscow with the movie "Fantasia" playing at a cinema near Red Square.

Three other Disney films - "Bambi," "101 Dalmatians," and "Snow White" - are to be shown at cinemas in the Soviet capital this week before the show moves to Leningrad.

Roy Disney, a nephew of Walt Disney, told the government newspaper Izvestia that a film would be made of Mickey's trip to Moscow, including his meetings with Soviet children and the heroes of Russian folk tales.

He also said Mickey had invited Misha to visit Disney-world in the United States.

**Rebels detained**

MANILA, Oct 16. (UPI): Security forces have arrested nine communist rebels, including three provincial party officials, in a series of raids, the military announced today.

**Both Bush and Dukakis urge supporters to ignore polls****Democrats fight to keep control of Congress**

WASHINGTON, Oct 16. (Reuter): The US presidential race between George Bush and Michael Dukakis is dominating public attention but the November elections will also decide whether Democrats can retain control of Congress.

All 435 legislators in the House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate's 100 members are up for re-election and will head back to their home districts and states later this week when Congress adjourns to campaign in earnest.

Meanwhile, a confident Bush and a determined Dukakis are both urging supporters to ignore opinion polls showing the Republican candidate extending his lead in the US presidential election.

**Vacancies**

Democrats have little to worry about in the House, a traditional Democratic bastion where the party's majority is currently 255 to 177 with three vacancies.

But in the Senate, which the Democrats wrested from

Republican control in the 1986 mid-term elections, the margin is narrower and members of President Reagan's party have an outside shot of staging a comeback.

With the Senate's current lineup of 54 to 46 in favour of the Democrats, Republicans need a net gain of five seats.

If Vice-President Bush, however, wins on Nov 8 a four-seat Republican gain would be enough to control the Senate because his vice-president, in his constitutional role as presiding officer, can break ties in favour of his party.

**Suggests**

On the surface, the odds favour the Republicans because 18 of the 33 Senate seats at stake are held by Democrats including three of the six where incumbents are retiring.

These "open" seats are in Florida, Mississippi and Wisconsin for the Democrats and Vermont, Virginia and Washington state for the Republicans.

But a closer look suggests the Republicans are unlikely to regain the majority they won in Reagan's 1980 electoral sweep.

Of 15 Democratic incumbents seeking re-election only those in New Jersey and Ohio seem to have though fights. The Democrats are favoured to oust incumbent Republican senators in Nevada, Nebraska and Virginia.

If those forecasts prove correct, the Republicans could win all three open Democratic seats and still fall short of a Senate majority.

"We are cautiously optimistic that we'll have a good year," Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, chairman of the Democratic Senate campaign committee, said.

Tom Mason of the Republican Senate campaign committee said Senate races were volatile with up to 10 states in doubt.

"The day after the election, I could be talking about how we won control of the Senate or lost presidential debate on Thursday.

One Democrat expected to win easily is Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, who is allowed by the state law to run for re-election at the same time he is running as the vice-presidential nominee.

**Serve**

If he and Dukakis, the Massachusetts Governor, win, Bentsen would resign from the Senate and a replacement named by Texas Republican Governor William Clements would serve until a special election was held early in 1989.

Indiana Senator Dan Quayle, Bush's running mate, is not up for re-election this year. If he and Bush win, Republican Governor Robert Orr would name a replacement.

The Democrats have controlled the House since 1955 and nobody expects that to change this year.

For opposite reasons, Dukakis, and Bush, both sought to play down the polling conducted after their second and last presidential debate on Thursday.

"I've been in politics too long," to let over-confidence creep in during the final days of the campaign, Bush told reporters in California yesterday.

"You're talking to a guy, when the polls were going the other way, who said it wasn't over," Bush said. "Watch how hard we work."

**Dismissed**

Dukakis, who campaigned in vote-rich California and Texas yesterday before returning to Boston, also dismissed the polls that showed him losing to Bush in the final debate and falling further behind in the race for the White House.

During a chat with reporters travelling on his campaign plane, Dukakis insisted, "this is a very tight race."

"I can't remember a race this tight at this point in time," he said. "We've been in almost a dead heat now for the last couple of weeks."

A new Los Angeles Times national poll found Bush has extended his lead over Dukakis

by 52 per cent to 42 per cent. The Republican had held a lead of 47 to 40 before the debate.

In San Antonio, Texas, Dukakis alternated his speech between English and Spanish in asking an outdoor rally of some 1,500 people to press the fight.

"Little by little, step by step... together we will win," Dukakis said, his voice hoarse from speaking at a crowded schedule of campaign stops.

**Disagreed**

He told a group of Hispanic police officers in Los Angeles: "This is a long race, a marathon. We have days to go, long days." The election is on Nov 8.

The loser of the nation's last presidential cliffhanger, Richard Nixon, disagreed — saying a landslide may be in the making.

Nixon, who lost to John Kennedy in the 1960 election, by 112,000 votes out of 70 million cast, predicted a lopsided win for Bush unless there was "dramatic improvement" in Dukakis' "pathetically amateurish campaign."

**NEWS IN BRIEF****Soldiers killed**

COLOMBO, Oct 16. (Reuter): Five Indian soldiers were killed when their vehicle hit a mine planted by Tamil guerrillas in eastern Sri Lanka yesterday.

An official said one soldier was injured in the blast, at Mandur in Batticaloa district.

Indian troops, in Sri Lanka to enforce an accord to end a Tamil separatist campaign, raided and destroyed a Tamil rebel camp in the same district yesterday, the official said.

He had no information on casualties.

**Kohl to visit Moscow**

BONN, Oct 16. (AP): West Germany, while pledging unwavering support for the United States, is reaching out toward the reform-minded leadership in the Soviet Union.

The latest and most visible move starts Oct 24 when Chancellor Helmut Kohl flies to Moscow for a four-day visit.

Economic ties will head the discussions, as West German businesses rush to seek what they call expanding business opportunities in the Soviet Union under leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

**Ship detained**

NAIROBI, Oct 16. (AP): A judge has ordered the arrest of the mayor of Brussels and his deputy — as representatives of the stadium's owners — have also been cited in a civil suit brought by about 100 Italian victims and their families which will be judged by the same court.

A lawyer for the Italians said the court would have to consider a demand for financial compensation from the victims and their dependants. He would not disclose the amount that would be sought.

**Injured**

Thirty-four Italians, four Belgians and one Briton died of suffocation in the disaster and scores were injured.

English soccer teams were banned from playing in Europe.

The 26 Britons were identified as demand for financial compensation from the victims and their dependants. He would not disclose the amount that would be sought.

**Explosion**

SAN SEBASTIAN, Oct 16. (AP): An explosion outside a train tunnel near this northern Basque city early yesterday killed one police officer and slightly injured another.

After several months in jail, they were allowed to return home until their trial.

Counsel for the Britons are expected to challenge the way they were identified, an adviser to the defence said on Friday.

**Despite warmer superpower ties****Soviet spying 'rises in Gorbachev era'**

WASHINGTON, Oct 16. (AP): The Soviet Union has intensified its spying against the United States despite warmer superpower ties under Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the No. 2 man at the CIA said.

"Since Gorbachev's ascension to power, the hostile intelligence threat against us has grown," Robert M. Gates, the CIA's deputy director, said yesterday.

"The number of operations against us has certainly increased."

Gates also predicted that in the next five to 10 years some nations may suffer economic collapse because of the AIDS epidemic and that drug kingpins could be elected to govern a major country.

Turning to other developments around the world, Gates told the former intelligence officer that at least 15 developing countries will be able to build ballistic missiles by the year 2000, and that 20 countries were developing chemical weapons.

The \$300 billion-a-year international drug trade "will get much worse before it gets better," and no single country or group of countries can solve the problem.

In some countries, drug gangs have bribed officials and editors and courted public opinion through charity, he said.

"It may be only a matter of time before we are faced with a freely elected, legal narco-government in a major country," he said. He did not specify any nations in which he thought that might happen.

Asked what the emergence of a "narco-government" would mean for US foreign policy, Gates said, "I don't think anybody has thought very much about that. We are trying to bring to the attention of policy makers things that are likely to happen in five to 10 years."

**Earth tremors**

LISBON, Portugal, Oct 16. (AP): An estimated 100 tremors shook the mid-Atlantic Azores island of Sao Miguel today, damaging houses in two towns, meteorological officials said. There were no reports of injuries.

"I think we have the right to look forward to an Arab initiative that matches the extent of the danger besetting Lebanon," the Abu Dhabi newspaper Al Ittihad quoted Hoveyda as saying.

"I think if our Arab brothers do not hasten to counter this conspiracy, then they should prepare for a new crisis similar to that of Palestine," he told the paper.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Rajiv to visit China in December

NEW DELHI, Oct 16, (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said he will visit China in December, becoming the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the country in more than 25 years, United News of India reported.

"We want good relations with all our neighbours, and my China visit will be a step in that direction," Rajiv told reporters at Jammu, the winter capital of the northern Jammu-Kashmir state.

Rajiv is on a tour of four flood-damaged northern Indian states.

He did not specify a date, but said his visit would take place around the third week of December.

Rajiv's China visit was being discussed by the two countries, but it is the first time that Rajiv himself confirmed it.

No Indian prime minister has visited China since the two neighbors fought a border war in 1962.

Relations have remained strained ever since. Each country accuses the other of occupying its territory, and several rounds of talks to settle the border issue have failed to solve the problem.

Chinese diplomats in New Delhi were not available to comment on Rajiv's statement.

### 50 Sudanese killed in border clash

KHARTOUM, Oct 16, (Reuter): Armed bands have killed about 50 villagers in Sudan's western Darfur region bordering Chad, a Khartoum newspaper today quoted the area's Member of Parliament as saying.

All Sudanese quoted Ibrahim Mohammed Abbo as saying some 1,500 armed men had attacked villages at Wad Salih and Makjir last month, killing 30 people and destroying property.

The MP said the attackers were Chadians.

Officials from Sudan and Chad early this month discussed border problems between the two countries, including infiltration by armed men into Darfur region.

Western diplomats said they that the presence of about 2,000 followers of a Chad opposition leader Sheikh Isha Qader in Darfur was still a major cause of friction there.

The MP also said that during September people from the Zagawa tribe of Darfur, north of the border town of Geneina, attacked Arab tribesmen in the area, killing 18 of them and stealing 520 camels.

Armed Chadians were also among the Zagawa attackers, he said.

### Rebels trap Burmese soldiers

MAE TAW WAH, Burma, Oct 16, (UPI): Rebel forces have trapped more than 100 Burmese Army troops and sought off Burmese counter attacks at a newly captured strategic stronghold. Officers of the Karen rebel Army said today.

"Now the whole river from here north is in our hands," said Maj-Gen Hla Htoo, as outgoing mortar rounds thumped behind him at the captured Mae Taw Wah camp.

"This is our biggest victory in years," he said.

Hla Htoo said his troops Wednesday seized the stronghold at Mae Taw Wah on the Moei River that forms the Thai-Burmese border after three weeks of fighting against two well-entrenched battalions of about 800 men.

He said 56 bodies were found at hilltop positions after the attacks by about 1,000 Karen soldiers. Five Burmese soldiers were captured, he said.

Karen porters were busy hauling hundreds of sacks of rice, salt, and small ammunition away from a captured Burmese storehouse at the stronghold as he spoke.

In the final assault, commandos scaled a series of 500 foot cliffs to throw the Burmese off the heights of overlooking the winding Moei River.



Egyptian militants march in Cairo's streets demonstrating for the release of colleagues detained by the police. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Nasser's son faces trial in absentia

CAIRO, Oct 16, (UPI): The eldest son of the late President Gamal Abdel-Nasser and 10 other defendants will be put on trial for their lives on Nov 1 on charges of launching attacks against US and Israeli targets in Cairo, officials said today.

Khaled Abdel-Nasser, 38, who is believed to have taken refuge in Yugoslavia, will be tried in absentia by the three-man state security court.

An indictment bill released last February charged the 11 defendants with forming an underground anti-American and anti-Israeli group that called itself Egypt's Revolution.

The prosecution has demanded the death penalty for the 11, described as Nasserites or followers of the late President Nasser who ruled Egypt between 1954 and 1970. Nasser advocated a relentless struggle against the United States, Israel and other "imperialist" powers.

Napoleon died in 1821.

### Napoleon's tooth-brush sold for \$21,000

MUNICH, Oct 16, (AP): A silver and gold-plated toothbrush that belonged to French Emperor Napoleon I sold Saturday for 39,000 marks (\$21,000) at auction in Munich, auction officials said.

The Hermann Historica auction house said the toothbrush, decorated with the French Emperor's coat of arms, was lost at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. It came from the estate of a British officer who found it after the battle, a statement from the auction house said.

The buyer was not identified. The statement said the toothbrush sold for less than the original asking price of 48,000 marks (\$25,900). It said the toothbrush had suffered severe wear through regular use.

Napoleon died in 1821.

### First S. Korean leader to address General Assembly

### Roh goes to United Nations

SEOUL, Oct 16, (Reuter): South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo leaves for New York on Monday

seeking the world community's backing for efforts to end his country's long confrontation with communist North Korea.

Roh is due to address the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, the first South Korean leader to do so.

He has made it clear in recent days that he will stress the sincerity of Seoul's drive of detente on the Korean peninsula, and try to enlist help in convincing Pyongyang to talk peace.

Roh is scheduled to go from New York to Washington for talks with President Reagan. The US government, which maintains over 40,000 troops in South Korea to bolster local defence forces, has expressed strong sup-

port for Seoul's peace-efforts.

Roh told The New York Times in an interview last week that, while he would stop short of calling for direct negotiations involving UN officials, he hoped the world body could use its good offices as a mediator.

"Sometimes direct parties cannot agree because of mistrust and pride," the President said. "Just as in marriage counselling, we need a third party to arrange a satisfactory solution."

The South Korean leader said he believed individual countries could also play a role in breaking down the barriers of distrust between the two Korean states, created by the great powers after World War Two.

The two Koreas fought a savage three-year war in the 1950s and have remained bitterly

hostile ever since. Their border is one of the most fortified on earth, splitting millions of families.

Since Roh took power in Seoul last February, he has put a high priority on easing tensions with the North.

There have been encouraging signs — contacts between parliamentary delegations have resumed after three years and there is talk of negotiations on a non-aggression pact. This weekend, Pyongyang even expressed cautious welcome to Roh's proposal for a summit meeting with President Kim Il-Sung.

Another important factor has been South Korea's remarkable breakthrough, in the context of last month's Seoul Olympic Games, in establishing trade and quasi-diplomatic contacts with the communist world.

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### Ceremony to take place in Washington

## US and Philippines to sign bases accord

MANILA, Oct 16, (AP): President Corazon Aquino announced today that the Philippines and the United States will sign an agreement tomorrow allowing the Americans to use military bases here for another two years.

The agreement signing has been scheduled at the US Capitol in Washington, where Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus negotiated final details of the agreement.

"Secretary Manglapus will announce it," she told reporters. "He and (US Secretary of State George) Shultz will be signing everything."

Mrs Aquino gave no indication what was contained in the agreement. In Washington, US sources said elements of the bases package were still "very tentative" and would have to be approved by the government in Manila.

### Garrisons

"If things fall into place, there will be a signing. If things do not fall into place, there won't be one," said one US official.

Manglapus, who came to the United States in September, was scheduled to leave for Manila tomorrow after delaying his departure because of the ongoing negotiations.

A Philippine source said Manglapus would leave tomorrow whether or not an agreement was signed.

### Extension

Last week, Philippine sources said compensation included a "hard cash" component but Manila officials were also lobbying for additional compensation in the form of debt relief.

In April, Philippine and US negotiators began reviewing the bases agreement, which dates from 1947. However, talks stalled over the issue of compensation.

### Commodities

The sources said the hard component includes military and economic aid and assistance in the form of commodities such as wheat.

The soft component includes the Philippines' participation in US construction projects overseas, relaxed textile quotas and a share of supply purchases by American bases overseas.

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### Former queen of Egypt dies at 67

CAIRO, Oct 16, (UPI): Former Queen Farida of Egypt, who was the wife of late King Farouk between 1938 and 1948, died today from a complicated illness at a Cairo hospital. She was 67.

Farida was admitted to hospital last month, suffering from leukaemia, pneumonia and hepatitis. On Oct 2, she was placed in intensive care, where she lapsed into a coma.

Born Safinaz Zulikkar in 1921, she married Farouk at the age of 17, two years after his rise to the throne. Their stormy marriage produced three daughters but was dissolved in 1948, mainly because she did not get Farouk a male heir to the throne.

In 1951 Farouk married a Miss Nariman Sadek, who gave birth to a boy. But Farouk was overthrown by a junta of free officers the following year and forced to seek exile in Italy.

Farida stayed in Egypt until 1963 when she departed for Europe. She studied art in Paris and survived by selling her paintings.

She returned to Egypt in the mid-1970s, living alone in a small apartment and continuing her artistic career in a financially tight condition. The late President Anwar Sadat ordered an extraordinary pension for her.

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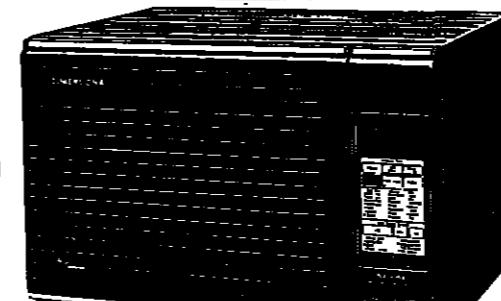
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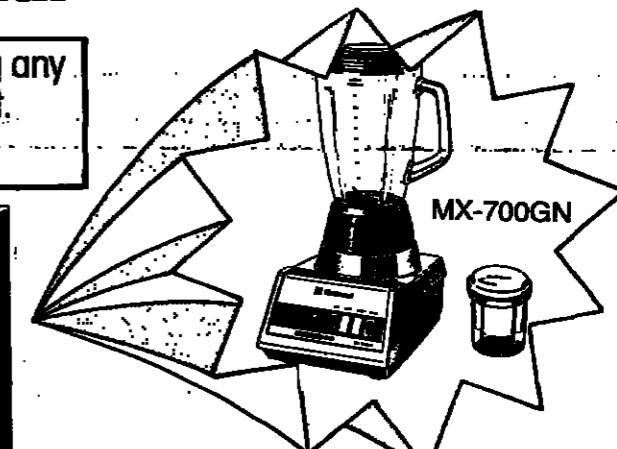
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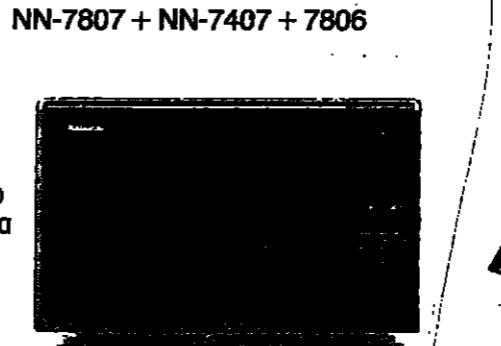


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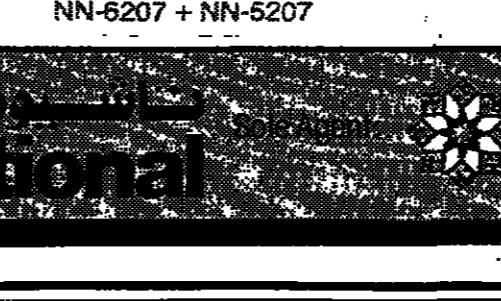
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## Health service fees studied

A COMPREHENSIVE study on citizens and expatriates paying for health services has been prepared, according to the assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health for financial affairs Abdul Latif Al Mijhem.

These charges will help improve and develop health services, but he added that these charges are only proposals.

Concerned authorities are examining the studies before taking any action.

Presently, the ministry pays health charges for visitors. The state is responsible for offering health services for citizens and expatriates and not for visitors except within limits of international accords.

Exemption from health charges are given to the wives and

children on non-Kuwaiti military staff and military staff (and their immediate family members) who left the services 10 years ago.

Al Mijhem said that the ministry's budget for the fiscal year 1988-1989 was KD216,263,000. The budget includes new projects such as the kidney transplantation centre, digestive system project and several new health centres as well as the headquarters for emergency services.

The ministry is planning to build a central kitchen to provide meals to patients and staff at hospitals and health centres. Except for the Sabah Hospital, which has its own kitchen, all hospitals are served by the local catering companies, the official said.

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## War affects work force, official says

THE Kuwaiti work force market was significantly affected by the Iran-Iraq war, according to Mohammed Al Shabani, Assistant Undersecretary for labour affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

In an interview with a local daily, *Mos Maaran*, managing director at Kuwait Shipbuilding and Repairs Co. said that the location of the company's dockyard at the head of the Gulf negatively affected the company's activities during the Iran-Iraq war.

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for the maintenance company the government intends to establish, he said.

The company made several organisational changes. Their success is reflected in the company's 1987 budget which showed significant improvement over previous years.

The official said that the company's dockyard was designed to receive merchant ships and the Dubai dockyard was designed to receive mostly oil tankers and huge ships. However, he said he expects his company to witness a significant increase in activities in view of its proximity to the Shatt Al Arab because more ships were detained there. The preparations at the company's dockyard are far better than any other in the region, the official concluded.

## Minister cites importance of GCC summit

JEDDAH, Oct 16. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Social Affairs and Labour and Acting Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed has affirmed the importance of the forthcoming 9th Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) summit in Bahrain.

Sheikh Nasser told the Saudi daily "Al Blad" published here today that the GCC summit will be held amidst new global developments topped by peace in the Gulf.

He expressed hopes that peace between Iraq and Iran will prevail and that their negotiations will be a success. Sheikh Nasser welcomed the return of Iranian-Gulf relations within the framework of good neighbourliness, mutual respect and permanent peace.

The minister hailed the inaugural and closing speeches of Saudi King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz in the first Islamic Information Ministers Conference held last week in Jeddah.

He said that the addresses crystallised means of realising effective Islamic solidarity and co-operation.

## Traders face problems at Friday souk

AL RAI AL AAM interviewed several traders operating in the new flea market, better known as the Friday souk.

One trader, Sharif Bandar Bader, said that he paid KD10 to rent the stand at the souk and financial returns per week are KD20.

However, he said clients are being inconvenienced by the lack of fixed selling stands. Customers are unable to positively identify the new locations when they want to exchange items purchased during the Manakh market.

Most companies have started correcting their positions on administrative and investment levels and are avoiding exorbitant expenditures which previously damaged the companies' financial standings, the sources said.

Discussing the current situation in the stock market, the sources said that the market should subject itself to new criteria different to those which prevailed during the Manakh market.

Another trader, Hussein Al Sayed Hasan, said that brokers from whom the selling stands were rented arbitrarily raise rental fees without any official control.

A third trader pointed out that official inspections are needed to ensure that no unauthorised vendors park selling stands that are not official and compete with legal vendors.

The local newspaper also interviewed customers who appreciated the facilities at the new souk. However, they agreed on the need to have permanent selling stands instead of the present system of relocating vendors among different stalls each week. The customers called on officials to provide extra care in areas such as hygiene at the souk, adequate toilets and sunshades.

## Local firms hired to clean, guard schools

THE Ministry of Education decided to contract with local companies to guard and clean schools because many guards and workers reached retirement age or retired from the ministry this year, an authoritative source told Al Seyassah.

The ministry also recommended not employing non-Kuwaitis and directed that retired employees and Kuwaiti national be hired.

However, the source said that Kuwaiti nationals cannot meet the demands of the ministry for these jobs. He added that companies guarding the schools are performing their duties well.

He pointed out that headmasters submit regular reports on cleaning and security in their schools. These reports are submitted to the committee set up to supervise cleaning and security services at schools.

The experiment of contracting with private companies is successful and will include all schools in future. The schools will be guarded and cleaned by private companies have not complained of any problems relating to cleanliness and security.

## GCC states make progress in food security

FOOD security is one of the most important issues facing Gulf states. The Gulf Co-operation Council states provided a strong economic strategy on the importance of establishing a strategic food supply through unity in the international market.

Qatar has five dairies, one fruit canning firm 28 bakeries, five beverage firms, and 17 other food product companies.

Iraq has 66 dairies, 45 fruit canning companies, 28 bakeries, 46 beverage firms and 260 food products companies.

The value of livestock imports in 1986 was : UAE, \$23,291 million Bahrain, \$65,552 million.

Gulf states' imports of fruits and vegetables in 1986 amounted to \$1,145.1 million and Kuwait recorded \$85.4 million in fruit and vegetable imports.

Imports of sugar products to GCC states in 1986 amounted to 2,164 tons. In Kuwait it was 31,164 tons.

Tobacco imports for the same year amounted to \$410 million. Kuwait imported \$55.8 million in tobacco.

## KISR director joins celebration of Afforestation Week

KUWAIT, Oct 16. (KUNA): that is sponsoring the afforestation of Kuwait.

On the other hand, the governor of Ahmad, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem, inaugurated this evening the Tree Week in the Ahmadi governate.

The ceremony, which took place near the Fintas Cooperative Society, was attended by officials and residents of the governor and officials from the Ministries of Interior and Education.

Sheikh Al urged the public to help green the governorate.

Several trees were planted by the governor and participants in the ceremony.

## 200,000 trees, seedlings distributed

JASSEM HABIB AL BADR, director of the Botanical Wealth Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, said that 200,000 trees and seedlings were distributed to citizens and public and private establishments during the last six days.

The department opened three centres in Omariya, Doha and Ahmadi areas to distribute trees and seedlings to citizens. These centres will operate from 8am to noon and from 2-5 pm until Friday.

Al Badr pointed out that the Jordanian government presented 250,000 trees to Kuwait and explained ways of planting the trees and seedlings, the official said.

## TV news network 'Islamvision' proposed

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16. (KUNA): "Asiavision" TV news networks, will address the imbalance in news flow and dissemination among Islamic nations, he said.

### Elected

Saudi Arabia's satellite facilities which are already operational, could be used for the TV news exchange, he added.

Mohamed said Malaysia, which was elected one of two vice-chairmen of the conference, was chosen by a six-member committee to oversee the implementation of resolutions adopted at the meeting which was organised by the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

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## Teachers assaulted

TEACHERS at Salem Al Mubarak Al Sabah secondary school in Rikka have complained of being physically assaulted on several occasions during the last academic year.

The teachers added that students of the secondary stage are at a critical age. Some students even suffer from social and mental problems. The area is characterised by a high percentage of illiteracy — 60 to 70 per cent of residents there are uneducated. Other factors such as large families and polygamy compound the problem, they said.

Parents often take the stand that their children are mature adults. This is not true and teachers try to guide and direct the students, teachers said.

A social specialist at Anas Bin Malek secondary school, Ahd Shahin, said that some students who have not been successful in their exams can be hostile toward their teachers.

Cheating in examinations must be curbed and measures should be taken to eradicate the problem, he said.

Ibrahim Al Loughani, principal of Al Rabia secondary school, says that the school encounters many problems with students. A student's environment has a big effect on his

behaviour, he said. School administrations should be given full authority to respond to such actions, he added.

The principal at Bayan secondary school, Abdul Razaq Al Malifi, said that administrative negligence leads to unwillingness by some teachers to co-operate and hardworking students suffer. Teachers should play a dominant role in classroom activities and discipline, he said.

The director of the Ahmadi educational area, Abdulla Al Luqman, says that students at this age are prone to unstable behaviour and need someone to understand them, especially their parents.

He said that parents should set a good example for their children. Parents should also work with schools and teachers. More co-operation between schools and parents and making schools more attractive to students are possible solutions to this problem, he suggested.

## Activities in support of uprising set

DOHA, Oct 16. (KUNA): A six-member committee assigned by the Gulf Co-operation Council to discuss a unified personal status law begins its work here tomorrow, the Gulf News Agency reported today.

It added that the committee, comprising legal experts and judges, will discuss remarks of members states on the draft law that the council's general secretariat previously sent to the six members.

The secretariat will table the outcome of the committee's three days of discussions with the forthcoming session of the GCC ministers which formed the committee.

## IFAD chairman visiting UAE

ABU DHABI, Oct 16. (KUNA): The chairman of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Dr Idriss Al Jazairi, met today with the rector of the UAE Ein University, Sheikh Nahayan Bin Mubarak.

Discussions focused on activities of the fund, especially those related to the agricultural production in the Third World countries.

The chairman said yesterday that the fund finances, about 40 projects in 12 Arab countries. The projects cost an estimated \$2.5 billion and are aimed at helping achieve food self-sufficiency.

Al Jazairi said that by the time the projects are completed food production will increase to 3.2 million tons and reduce the food shortage by 24 percent.

Since the foundation of IFAD in 1978, it has provided about \$3.4 billion in loans and about \$130 million in technical aid, he said. So far the fund has financed 334 projects in 90 developing countries.

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# Indian artistes come to Kuwait

COMING to Kuwait very soon is a highly talented troupe of Indian artistes being sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

The troupe of about 18 people will be presenting a variety of classical dances and music.

Included in the troupe are Ms Kum Kum Dhar, an exponent of Kathak dance from the Lucknow Gharana (or school), who will be displaying great finesse in her foot movements and interpretive dance. Audiences in Kuwait have recently seen the grace of Kathak dance by Kuwait's own Mrs Beena Sharma who performed recently at the IAC.

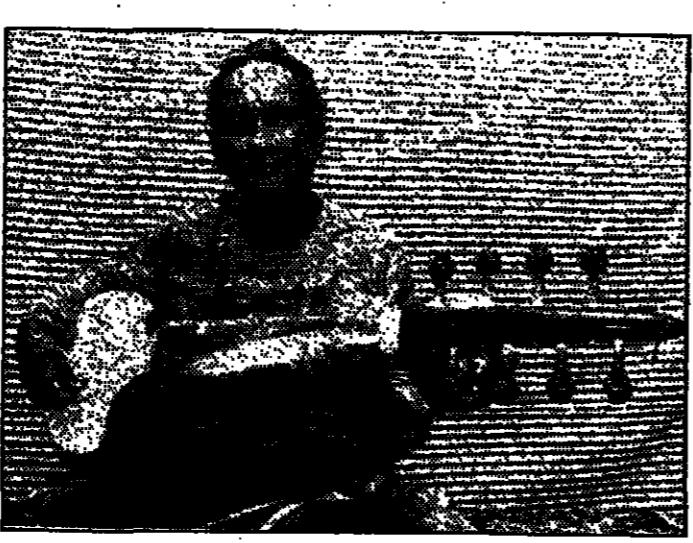
From east India, very little known yet highly acclaimed, dance form known as 'Odissi' from the state of Orissa, will be

presented by an accomplished dancer Ms Ratna Roy, a versatile dancer combining grace, poise and charm to create lyrical beauty.

Dhyaneesh Khan, son of the world famous sarod maestro, Ustaad Ali Akbar Khan will be presenting sarod recitals. Sarod is a stringed instrument very similar to the Arabic instrument — sud.

The troupe will be presenting their art for 2 evenings, 27th and 28th October, at the IAC Funaites. For details please call 3904817.

The troupe will be travelling on to Bahrain and several other Gulf countries as part of India's continuing programmes of cultural exchanges with other countries.



Dhyaneesh Khan presents sarod recitals.



Ratna Roy demonstrates highly acclaimed Odissi dance.



Kum Kum Dhar: exponent of Kathak dance

## Indian Week Festival

UNDER the patronage of His Excellency the ambassador of India, the first secretary and the sponsorship of 'Mustafa Karam' Car Rental, Holiday Inn celebrates Indian Week Festival from Oct 12 - 21. The opening night was on 12th Oct at 7.30 pm. Mr. R.P. Singh, the first secretary attended the inaugural night with other VIP guests.

A display of Indian products and handicrafts are featured in the main lobby which has been magically transformed into a typical bazaar to create a traditional Indian atmosphere. Various companies such as Air India and many local compa-

nies are participating in the festival; where special stalls have been allocated in the lobby to display their wares.

A main attraction of the festival is the Shamiana Cafe, an Indian-style tent where snacks and beverages are offered amidst typical Shamiana trolleys serving sweets and delicacies in the lobby.

Highlighting the event is spicy Indian cuisine, featuring North Indian and Bengali dishes at Al Dama restaurant for lunch and dinner. Special Indian menus and buffet dinner will be served with cultural entertainment on focus.

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

LACK of money is the root of all evil — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

## OPINION

### Role of the people vital in developing the nation

WHEN the Egyptian President visited West Germany recently, he was told that Germany would help Egypt because of its important role and because the Egyptian leadership knew how to deal with the rest of the world.

However, the president was told that before Germany helped Egypt, the latter should realise how the Germans achieved the present day economic miracle. It was the German people who rebuilt their country after it was destroyed during World War II.

It was not government funds alone — the government at that time was bankrupt and was heavily indebted to the world for war fines and other debts.

Thus from the German experience we can easily learn that governments alone cannot do everything, especially when countries have no important natural resources. People have to play a very important role. The people work and provide the government with taxes. Together they can create the miracle.

From the first day he assumed office, the realistic President of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, clearly stated that he alone could not create a miracle. He said, Egyptian people should contribute and help build the country.

There are many opportunities available in Egypt. The country can be strongly built either by Egyptians or by others who are allowed to participate. In post-war Germany, establishments from big countries contributed to its reconstruction.

Egypt has many opportunities, but its people must make an effort. Any funds invested in Egypt should be well protected, whether they are Egyptian, Arab or foreign.

Such investments must be protected from ideologies and empty talk. Such ideologies have kept Egypt off the development track for 30 years.

After the war, Germany issued its economic legislation — not listening to some critics, and its investments progressed very well. Despite the fact that West and East Germany were still together, it was West Germany that progressed first and East Germany came to its senses 40 years later to find that the West Germans were eating the sweets while the East Germans were reading the theories of Karl Marx, Stalin and Lenin.

Egyptian people should seek the assistance of others since new laws in Egypt permit this. They can also ask the Egyptian government to improve legislation if they find it is not flexible enough.

Although the president is entering his eighth year in power, he still cannot create miracles. Still, he succeeded in creating stability and consistency and principled attitudes. This has earned Egypt respect from other countries.

It was Hosni Mubarak who solved the problem of political tension in Egypt. He ended the need for detectives and secret police. Hosni Mubarak made great achievements for his people and put them on the right path to exploit available investment opportunities in Egypt.

But it should always be remembered that it takes two hands to clap, and without the hands of the Egyptian people, Hosni Mubarak's hand will not clap.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Painful news from Northern Ireland

By Alf McCreary

BELFAST: The headlines from Northern Ireland are familiar and depressing. Every day seems to bring more news of pain and of bereavement, of hatred and of misunderstanding.

Ireland, which sent so many early Christian missionaries to Europe, used to be called "the island of Saints and Scholars."

Today, in international terms, it is often a byword for bigotry and bloody-mindedness.

The news from this island, and particularly from Northern Ireland, is so bad that those who do not know the Irish dismiss us as impossible people who will never be able to work out a lasting peace. Even our friends, at times, tend to hang their heads in despair. Some expatriates wrote recently to a Belfast newspaper to say that they are ashamed of their Irish ancestry.

Some outsiders who claim to be Ireland's friends still see the conflict in over-simplified terms. In their view the only solution to the problem lies in the withdrawal of British rule in the North, and they are none too choosy as to how this might come about. They argue that if the British cannot be persuaded to go peacefully, then violence cannot be ruled out. Few of these people seem to have given much thought to the one million Northern Irish people who are British by birth and by conviction.

### Hatred

There are enough ancient hatreds inside and outside Ireland to justify the current violence by means of arguments about old scores, real and imaginary. And anyone — like New York's Mayor Edward Koch — who takes a different view, or suggests that all the wrongs are not on one side only,

## Uprising shaping PLO policy

# Palestinians in occupied lands gain political clout

By Alastair Lyon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuters): Blood shed by West Bank and Gaza Palestinians in their 10-month-old uprising against Israeli rule has given them a powerful new voice in shaping PLO policy.

"Political initiatives have come from people who paid the heaviest price, those who were arrested or detained," said Hanna Siniara, editor of the East Jerusalem nationalist daily Al Fajr.

He cited the ideas of Faisal Husseini, a prominent activist now in administrative detention, and those of Palestinian political prisoners at Israel's desert jail of Ketzot reported to have smuggled out advice to the PLO leadership in Tunis.

A Palestinian analyst, who asked not to be named, said: "Before the intifada (uprising), petitions from the West Bank would be sent to the PLO and nobody took any notice. Now when Ketzot prisoners send messages calling for a two-state solution, it's a big card for (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat."

### Initiative

West Bankers and Gazans are demanding a striking political initiative from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to match their struggle, in which more than 300 people have died.

They seem more willing than their cousins in the Palestinian diaspora to recognise Israel openly, but say the uprising will go on until creation of a Palestinian state alongside it.

"The message to the PLO is: Pick the political fruits of the intifada by a realistic, pragmatic decision to declare an independent state and a government-in-exile," said Radwan Abu Ayash, president of the Arab Journalists Association.

Siniara said the uprising had given Palestinians the confidence to generate political options.

The Palestinian side is providing the political momentum, but so far there has been no response from Israel or the international community," he said.

This month PLO leaders decided to recommend that the Palestine National Council (PNC), the movement's parliament-in-exile, proclaim a state based on a 1947 UN resolution partitioning Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

The PLO, beset by conflicting advice on whether to convene the PNC session before Israel's Nov 1 elections, has yet to announce a firm date and venue for the PNC meeting.

### Advice

The uprising shaped a statement leaders circulated on Monday calling on the PNC to adopt a programme to "translate the slogans of our intifada into freedom and independence."

Many Palestinians under occupation welcomed the decision to declare a state as a step towards an international conference where the PLO and Israel would discuss borders and other issues.

Some publicly advocate that the frontier should follow with

minor adjustments, the "Green Line" that divided Israel from the West Bank and Gaza before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

"We want justice and peace, which means we want Israel to return to the boundaries of 1967," the mufti (Islamic religious leader) of Jerusalem, Sheikh Sa'd Ed-Din Alami, told Reuters.

"Let them be free in their part and let us be free in ours. We want to be good neighbours, that's all."

### Conflict

Echoing his sentiments, the director of Ramallah Hospital, Issa Salti, said: "Israel is here to stay. There must be two states, Israel and Palestine, to solve the conflict."

Israel refuses to talk to the

PLO, saying it is bent on destruction of the Jewish state. It also rejects the idea that Israel's legitimacy derived from UN resolution 181, passed before the birth of the Jewish state and rejected at the time by all Arab states.

For most West Bank and Gaza residents, the priority is to end the Israeli occupation and achieve independence.

Some Palestinians appear in two minds over how far the PLO should go towards recognising Israel without solid assurances on withdrawal from the occupied territories.

"I would hate to see the PLO do a political stripe and then be left out in the cold," said Othman Hallaq, editor of the pro-Jordanian East Jerusalem newspaper An-Nahar.

## New NATO chief sees alliance at crossroads

from Britain's politically-seasoned Lord Carrington last July there were those who questioned the choice.

As he briskly sums up the state of the alliance he will lead into the 1990s Woerner is eager to seize the moment.

"We are at a crossroads where you need on the one hand continuity and on the other hand there is the challenge of change," he says.

"If this alliance does not adjust to changing circumstances it will lose its opportunity, its chance to shape the future," the former West German defence minister said in a recent interview.

The challenges facing it would justify a serious mid-life crisis.

"We have a good chance if we can prove to the US Congress that this alliance takes it seriously. We will not change the picture overnight, but I think we will achieve some progress, enough to prove this alliance is on the right way."

On East-West matters, Woerner pays tribute to the political and social reforms Gorbachev has wrought.

He accepts that a Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and Moscow's part in the super-power medium-range nuclear missile accord open up the prospect of change in military policy.

But there is a flash of the old soldier as he assesses the current state of the Soviet threat.

**Division**

"Gorbachev continues to produce one tank division per month. He modernises nuclear systems. He modernises conventional systems. As long as this does not change we have to keep our own defences and guard up," he says.

"Who will look more favourably on the West Europeans over 'burden-sharing' — George Bush or Michael Dukakis?"

And, providing a wider framework, is the challenge from the Kremlin, whose leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform policies are spawning new preceptions in the West of the Soviet threat.

When Woerner took over

lower level of arms, a balance of forces. That means the one who has more has to give up more, he retorts.

Reflecting on what it meant for the son of a nation that lost World War II to be now leading the alliance, Woerner points to the huge military contribution his own country makes to NATO.

On the front-line facing the Warsaw Pact, West Germany is home to 400,000 allied forces and has half a million men under arms.

It amuses him to recount an anecdote about Britain's Lord Ismay, his predecessor in the 1950s, who said NATO was designed "to keep the Russians out and to keep the Germans down."

"I'm glad to see he was only two-thirds right," Woerner said in a wry remark that drew laughter at a defence seminar in Brussels recently.

Woerner is likely to encounter little anti-German feeling at NATO headquarters, diplomats say. Rather he might find himself in confrontation with political forces in his own country.

He is in the awkward position of being at loggerheads on security issues with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher — a dozen of the circle of NATO foreign ministers whose meetings he will now chair.

Genscher has opposed NATO plans for the United States to develop and deploy a follow-on nuclear missile to replace the ageing Lance in the 1990s. The short range of these weapons, below 500 kms (310 miles), means they would be based mostly in West Germany.

Many NATO diplomats say the crunch decision will have to be made next year, well before general elections in West Germany in 1990 when it would become a too-hot-to-handle issue.

## Dutch Army gears up for more ethnic recruits

who come mostly from Morocco, Turkey and the former Dutch colony of Indonesia, will be the innovations, he said.

There are 360,000 Muslims and 75,000 Hindus in the Netherlands, out of a total population of 14.4 million.

They note that while the military has chaplains representing four groups — Protestants, Catholics, Orthodox Jews and liberal Jews — it has no religious leader for Muslims or Hindus.

"We've been pressing for religious representatives for Muslims and Hindus for six years. Two government commissions have concluded that it is a good idea and we're still waiting," said Paulus, a VVD member.

Moreover, officers are being taught how to be sensitive to the religious and cultural background of their troops.

"Commanders must learn that there is a difference, because that is the reality," said Sergeant Major Harold Rack, an Army social worker who immigrated to the Netherlands from Surinam.

Muslims and Hindus are likely to be much more humiliated than the average Dutch soldier by being reprimanded in public because of their culture's high value on keeping face, he said.

"If a soldier must be reprimanded, we suggest doing it in private," said Rack.

### Fined

Regulations which had long given Jews in the Army their day of rest on Saturdays were expanded in 1981 with new provisions to allow Muslims to mark their day of rest on Fridays.

But the Army has its limits. A Muslim soldier who went absent without leave earlier this year to observe Ramadan, a month-long holiday of dawn-to-dusk fasting, was court-martialled and received a three-week suspended sentence.

He appealed the decision on grounds the Army had rejected his offer to serve an extra month in exchange for time off for Ramadan. But the appeal court upheld the sentence and fined him 500 guilders (\$250) in addition.

When he is not out on special training, he bicycles home from the barracks every day to eat.

"I am not religious but I was brought up not to eat cow or pig meat. I want to integrate in the Netherlands, but only to a certain point. I want to hold on to my identity," he told Reuters.

## No progress expected at Kampuchea talks

By Jonathan Thatcher

JAKARTA, (Reuters): Nearly a decade after the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea, the search for a way to settle the conflict in this small southeast Asian country returns to the conference table this week.

Informal three-day talks on Kampuchea here from Oct 17 follow a ground-breaking but inconclusive meeting in Bogor, just outside Jakarta, in July and Sino-Soviet talks the following month in Beijing.

Moscow and Beijing appear to be moving closer over the Kampuchean issue which has been a major obstacle to the two countries normalising relations.

Indonesia, for several years at the forefront of efforts to bring peace to Kampuchea, has avoided boosting expectations ahead of next week's meeting, which will this time comprise only senior officials.

### Timetable

"The most that can be expected from this meeting is a concrete agenda and a timetable for a larger international meeting," said a Western diplomat.

The meeting will involve officials from Kampuchea's four warring factions along with Laos, Vietnam and six non-communist Southeast Asian countries, including Indonesia.

"One is how to share power in a coalition government. The other

is what to do with some of the leaders of the Khmer Rouge, strongest of the three-party resistance coalition nominally led by former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Sihanouk said this week his soldiers were battling in the Kampuchean interior with the Khmer Rouge who were trying to fill the gap left by departing Vietnamese troops.

Thailand said on Wednesday it expected a record vote next month in support of a United Nations resolution on settling the Kampuchean conflict.

Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila said the resolution would demand the withdrawal of Vietnam's troops and no return to power by the Khmer Rouge.

### Blamed

The Khmer Rouge are widely blamed for the deaths of up to a million people during their four-year rule.

Sihanouk said in Washington on Wednesday that the Khmer Rouge should be part of a new Kampuchean government he wants to lead but some leaders should be exiled.

If China refused to accept discredited Khmer Rouge leaders as exiles they would be permitted to live in Kampuchea but would not be allowed in the new government, he said.

Sihanouk has proposed a four-party provisional government which would include the current Phnom Penh leadership, the Khmer Rouge and Son Sann, leader of the anti-communist party in the resistance coalition and a former prime minister under Sihanouk.

Sihanouk is planning to hold his own talks in France next month with Hun Sen, prime minister of the government in Phnom Penh.

The four rival factions have yet to name their participants in the Jakarta talks.

### Power

On Tuesday, Alatas told reporters he did not think Sihanouk's son, Norodom Ranariddh, would be there.

"Without them they won't have a proper meeting," said the Asian diplomat. Power in the Sihanouk faction is tightly held within the family and other officials cannot make decisions on their own, he said.

"When they cough they have to look behind to see if they did the right way," he added.

The vegetarians rations came because vegetarians wanted it. But we wouldn't have done it if we weren't necessary for religious minorities," said van der Beek.

Curried battle rations for Hindus, many from the former Dutch colony of Surinam

# James Herriot: still in business

By Bob Barton

**WORLD-FAMOUS** author and veterinary surgeon James Herriot has lived in the little North Yorkshire market town of Thirsk for five decades. But only now, at the age of 71, has the writer of eight best-selling novels, which spawned popular TV series and feature films, given his approval for Thirsk to be promoted as "James Herriot's Town."

It is not that Herriot (a pen-name — his real name is Alf Wight) has withheld permission — simply that no-one asked him. There has always been an unspoken understanding among local people that Thirsk would respect the privacy of its best-known son.

Despite these well-meant intentions, the fact that the vet has his surgery in the town, 224 miles north of London, has been one of the worst-kept secrets in Yorkshire. "I've met literally thousands of tourists here since I wrote the books," he says. "For some years I've had twice-weekly book-signing sessions during the summer in my waiting room. Sometimes I've had 150 visitors waiting to see me; they come from all over the world. The majority are from the USA, but they are often from as far afield as western Canada, Australia and Singapore."

"Herriot, a modest and unassuming man, was flattered by the approach of town councillors before requesting his approval to use his name. "If it helps the town I could never disapprove," he says. "But Thirsk's appeal is that it is an unspoilt, charming country town, and I do not want it to be vulgarised in any way."

Far from being vulgarised, the only major plan is to re-cobble the historic market square, where a market is still held twice a week as it has been for centuries.

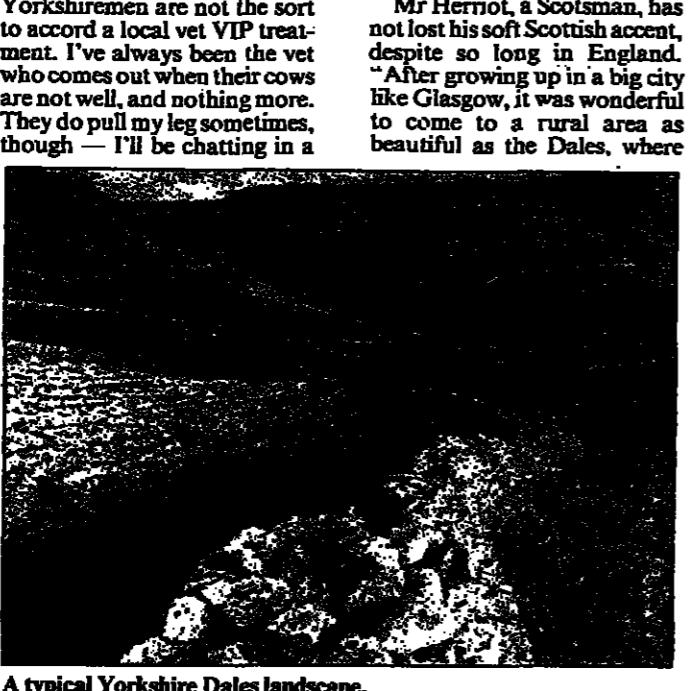
"I owe a lot to Thirsk, not least because it formed the basis for 'Darrowby' in my books, along with a bit of Richmond, Leyburn and Middleham," he adds.

It was in the ornate parish church — built in 1430 and known as the 'cathedral of the north' — that he married



Herriot: modest and unassuming

Helen, who features in all the books. Though much respected in the town, he expects no special treatment there. "I don't see myself as a celebrity. Yorkshires are not the sort to accord a local vet VIP treatment. I've always been the vet who comes out when their cows are not well, and nothing more. They do pull my legs sometimes, though — I'll be chatting in a



A typical Yorkshire Dales landscape.

my work consisted of driving from farm to farm across the roof of England. The places — such as the market towns, pubs, and farms — that I first knew in my early twenties, have hardly changed."

Thirsk is perfectly situated between two of England's most spectacular National Parks: the North York Moors to the east and the Yorkshire Dales to the west. The Dales have been particularly linked with Herriot as the TV series *All Creatures Great and Small* was filmed there. It is well worth exploring locations such as the lovely Wensleydale village of Askrigg, which became "Darrowby", while the picturesque church in Wensley was used for the vet's TV wedding. All around is the typical patchwork scenery of fields enclosed by dry-stone walls, which criss-cross the bare hillsides.

#### Atmosphere

The market town of Richmond is full of atmosphere, with steep cobbled streets and narrow alleys. A 12th-century castle keep towers above the houses and the tortuous River Swale, far below. The town's attractions include the Richmondshire Museum of local history, which boasts a reconstruction of Herriot's surgery.

Richmond, like Thirsk, is a good touring base, with a variety of hotels and bed-and-breakfasts, while farmhouse accommodation is popular in the surrounding countryside.

It is natural wonders that predominate in the Dales: among James's favourites are Aysgarth Falls, where the River Ure rushes through a rocky gorge, dropping two hundred feet in a series of cascades; and the bleak escarpment of Whernside, like the rest of the Dales, exciting walking country for the well-equipped.

James Herriot has memories of so many other places. "There is the view from Sutton Bank Top, near Thirsk, which I've often said is the finest view in England. I've stopped up there many thousands of times, and each time it is different. Then there is Rievaulx Abbey, which must be the most beautiful abbey ruin in England: I did my courting there, and have been back scores of times since."

# Mr Cosmopolitan spills the beans on lunch...and women

By Anthea Gerrie

**DAVID BROWN** is the man who has it all — money, success, charm and style. He's also had more women — for lunch, at least — than most of us have had hot dinners.

And he doesn't mind bragging about it, even though he's married to the fearless Helen Gurley Brown, who brought us *Cosmopolitan* and the *Cosmo* woman on the crest of the wave of female liberation.

You know David must have something when Helen, famous for having it all, has not only stayed married to him for 29 years, but also insists on making his breakfast every morning. She tolerates the flirtatious Manhattan lunches he enjoys so much — providing he follows the rules — but he doubts if she'd tolerate adultery.

"Helen has never admitted to being unfaithful. I have taken care not to admit to any infidelity — and frankly, I hope it stays that way. It was very painful for me when my first and second wives were unfaithful, and I often wonder why they felt moved to tell me about it."

#### Unfaithful

"Now, if I found out Helen had been unfaithful on a business trip, of course it wouldn't wreck our marriage. SHE is capable of a crime of passion,"

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don't die if they're getting alimony and rarely re-marry unless they find someone richer than you."

But at least he speaks out in praise of older women — even if he does suggest that since there are five of them to every man over 50, they are likely to be more grateful for an invitation to passion.

Astutely, he recognises their value to older men as friends and confidantes, which is why he takes so many of them to lunch.

In respect of this probably innocent pursuit, he is no Cosmopolitan man, a lot less liberated at 72 than fearless Helen, who is only six years younger.

"I'm not because Helen goes there. She doesn't like me to take anyone to the Russian Tea Room, and she isn't fond of my bringing anyone to Le Cirque," he recently confessed to the magazine *Vanity Fair*.

#### Gentleman

And he gets henpecked not only by his wife, but even by the lunch dates who, at average age 65, ought supposedly to be so grateful for his attentions.

"When I mentioned on American TV that I had five good women friends, one called up and demanded to know the names of the other four!"

He is, however, a gentleman — often the seductive reverse



David Brown: money, success, charm and style

side of the chauvinist coin — and this is undoubtedly why *Vanity Fair* could dig NO dirt up about him in his native New York, where he returned after years of playing the film mogul in Hollywood to be by Helen.

In their plush Manhattan pad, they divide their *Un-Cosmo* way: "I deal with the pipes, the electricity and any driving, which Helen won't get involved with. She does the food and the decor. We both put on the garbage."

As a famous and hugely successful film producer (*Jaws*, *The Sting*, *Cocoon* and *The Verdict* are his biggest successes) with his own substantial fortune, he minds not a jot being known to the world outside his own rarefied circle as Mr Helen Gurley Brown.

He didn't even blush when I reminded him that his wife had written about their intimate sexual practices; after all, he preaches that good sex helps spending orgies. "Old wives

— Preferably More than One" is his second maxim, the first is "Work Yourself to Death." It's advice he feels qualified to give, not only because he works hard and feels great himself, but because he's seen what retirement and "acting out the part of being old" have done to his contemporaries.

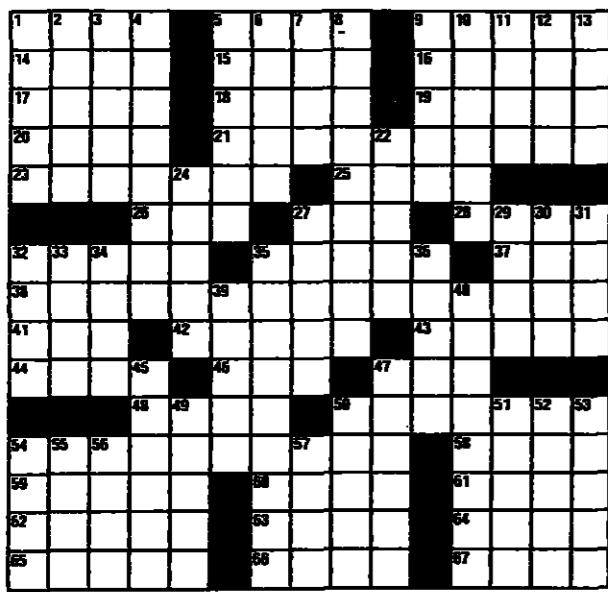
This is why when a friend was put on a diet after a heart attack, David went on the diet himself. He drinks the juice, eats the healthy porridge and pops the vitamins Helen lovingly lays out every morning.

"She makes my breakfast because she feels guilty if she doesn't — not because I demand attention. At my age, it's not a question of what you want anyway, but what you get."

"From his late 50s onwards, believe me, a man is as grateful as hell for EVERYTHING he gets!"

\**Brown's Guide to Turning Grey*, published by Century, £2.95.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
AN UNUSUAL THREE NO TRUMP!

Both vulnerable. West deals.

### NORTH

♦ K J 2  
♥ A 8 7 6 5 2  
♦ K  
♣ A 10 2

### WEST

### EAST

♦ A Q 10 7 6 5 ♠ 8 4 3  
♥ K 10  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ Q 7

### SOUTH

♦ 9  
♥ Q J 9 4 3  
♦ Q J 10 7 2  
♣ 6 3

The bidding:

West North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 NT (!)

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

Every now and then, the devil makes us do something at the bridge table to roil the waters. This famous hand occurred in a national championship some years ago.

Sitting South was the late John Gerber, whose four-club ace-asking convention has become the mainstay of most players in no trump sequences. His bid of three no trump was an attempt to fool the opposition about the strength and distribution of his hand. He expected to get doubled, and then he

would beat a hasty retreat to four hearts and perhaps buy the hand. Well, buy the hand he did — every one passed and three no trump became the final contract.

West led his fourth-best spade, and declarer did not fancy his chances. Although the percentage play in hearts was slightly in favor of playing for a 1-1 split, the auction suggested that his majesty was with West. Entries to the South hand, however, were apparently non-existent. Gerber solved that problem by playing low from dummy on the opening lead. When his nine won the trick, he was in control.

The queen of hearts was covered by the king and won by the ace, and the king of diamonds was led. East held up, but it availed him naught. Declarer returned to hand with the jack of hearts and continued with a high diamond, to force out the ace. There was no way declarer could be stopped from fulfilling his contract. When the defenders failed to take the ace of spades immediately (East shifted to a club after winning the ace of diamonds), declarer actually racked up 12 tricks — six hearts, four diamonds and a trick in each black suit — for one of the biggest top scores we have seen.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



RIP

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Some small matter will tend to blow out of all proportion. You should nevertheless concentrate on essentials. Do not become annoyed about some foible of yours. Be cordial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's less favourable influence is more likely to result in conflict. You should try to avoid getting into any kind of argument. Do not get involved in other people's problems if you can help it. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will feel better disposed towards others. You should make sure you get enough regular but tone-down demanding exercise. Do not try to be a know-all. Be more lenient.



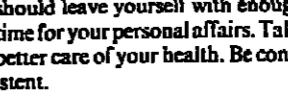
Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to get on with things and should take full advantage of your wiles. Do not allow work to interfere with your personal life. Make sure you are dressed correctly for the occasion. Be moderate.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

You should tackle a persistent problem fair and square. You must take good care whilst on the road. Do not take anything for granted just now. Be more tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to do nearly all that you have set out to do. You should leave yourself with enough time for your personal affairs. Take better care of your health. Be consistent.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to do something that is of practical advantage to you. You should not expect result overnight; patience will be rewarded. Make sure you eat no more than you need to maintain your weight. Be magnanimous.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Moon's better influence will help you to improve your personal life. You should not worry about rush things. Place more emphasis on quality, less on quantity. Be less aggressive.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You should try to be a little less timid. You will have a good opportunity but you must act quickly to seize it. Make sure you do not underestimate the opposition. Be loyal.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will feel more sure of yourself. This is going to be quite a good day for you. You should not allow yourself to become over-confident. Be more tolerant.

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## Beauty: is it really skin deep?

By Sara Barrett

**BEAUTY** is only skin deep, runs the old adage. It's the thought millions of us console ourselves with as we flick through glossy magazines and allow our self-esteem to wilt before the sheer physical appeal of the world's beautiful people.

But the notion that beauty really isn't that important has been exploded by the publication of *Beauty History*, a new book by Professor Arthur Marwick. Beauty is important, and the better looking you are, the more likely you are to be rich and successful...

It seems grossly unfair and probably untrue — after all, we can all think of beautiful people who've led disastrous lives. But according to Professor Marwick, one thing is certain: the five or so percent of the world's population who are genuinely beautiful are born to lead, quite literally, charmed lives.

## Discrimination

'Discrimination in favour of the beautiful begins in the playroom,' says Professor Marwick. 'Other children respond more warmly and naturally to a beautiful child in the class. Subconsciously, the message is, "I would like to play with that child because they look as if they will be nice than that plain one".'

And detailed research has proved that teachers, even without knowing it, pay more attention to better looking children in the class. Employers faced with two people of equal ability will pick the better looking, unless it is a job where looks would be considered disconcerting.

**There is discrimination in favour of the beautiful. That's the verdict of a new book on beauty through the ages, where the author disproves the adage that beauty is only skin deep. Looks are important and the better looking you are, the more likely you are to be rich and successful ...**



Joan Collins



Professor Marwick

person beautiful. Francis Galton, a major pioneer of eugenics in the 1850s, actually attempted to compile a *Beauty Map* of the British Isles.

He went on long walks around the towns to record 'the percentage of attractive, indifferent and repellent looking women he met in his walks. He concluded that London had the most beautiful women and Aberdeen the fewest!

Professor Marwick decided to write about beauty as he was finishing a book on class. 'I began to realise that beauty was one of the best ways to jump up the social ladder.' His examples begin in the 17th Century ...

Barbara Villiers, Mistress of Charles II and ancestor of the present Princess of Wales, began as plain Mrs Palmer and ended up Duchess of Cleveland, inspiring Samuel Pepys to say: 'Only she, I can observe for true beauty.'

Even the possession of less-than-perfect 'personable' looks could be a powerful force for personal advancement. Nell Gwynne was described as personable, being 'low in stature and plump, with reddish hair and her eyes, when she laughed, became all but invisible.' Nevertheless, her looks charmed the King, and their first son was created Duke of St Albans.

Another 'personable' woman who did well was Empress Josephine, who met Napoleon when she was 31 and 'full of poise and confidence'. But 'her teeth were frightfully bad, but when her mouth was shut she had the appearance, especially at a few paces, of a young and pretty woman'.

## Personable

Modern 'personable' women who have done well with basic looks but other qualities too, are Madonna and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York.

Beautiful men did well, too. George Villiers, a 22-year-old extraordinarily handsome man who appeared at the court of James I, became Duke of Buckingham, and even after the accession of Charles I in 1625, he was the single greatest influence in the kingdom, before being assassinated.

For female domestic servants though, beauty was described by Henry Fielding as being 'the greatest misfortune'. It meant almost certain seduction by the master of the house and being cast into the street, seven months pregnant.



Fortunate faces:

(clockwise) Princess Diana, Lady Edna Hamilton, Isabella Rossellini, Gabriela Sabatini, Joanne Whalley

## Disguise imperfections like big hips, thick ankles or bad legs.

Personally, I think there would be more happiness in the world if people didn't put so much emphasis on looks.'

## Frontiers

Women like Joan Collins, universally believed to have pushed back the frontiers of when a woman is too old to be beautiful, was apparently not the first of her kind.

Professor Marwick points out: 'Ninon de Lenclos, born in 1623, was a famous and brilliantly successful courtesan in France until well into her

sixties. Anybody who was somebody, or wanted to be somebody, wished to be able to boast of knowing Ninon, or better, if he was a man, of having slept with her.'

Joan Collins has shown that the rules about how old a woman should be to do certain things, are nonsense. She has proved that if you can keep up a good appearance, nobody is going to worry too much about the arithmetic. She has proved that women can actually marry young, handsome men, instead of just taking them as lovers.'

**Beauty In History,**  
by Arthur Marwick

## Street smart — buying clothes that actually fit!

It's the perfect colour in the size you wear.  
You try it on ... disappear!

It's too tight at the shoulders, too big in the bust, too long in the sleeve. Why do clothes seem to be sized by lottery? And how do you find clothes that fit? Here is some insight and advice.

## Why sizes differ

Behind every garment is a real woman. She's about 5'8" — usually a size 8 or 10 (American), on whom designers drape and tailor each collection (scaling the result from size 2 to size 16.)

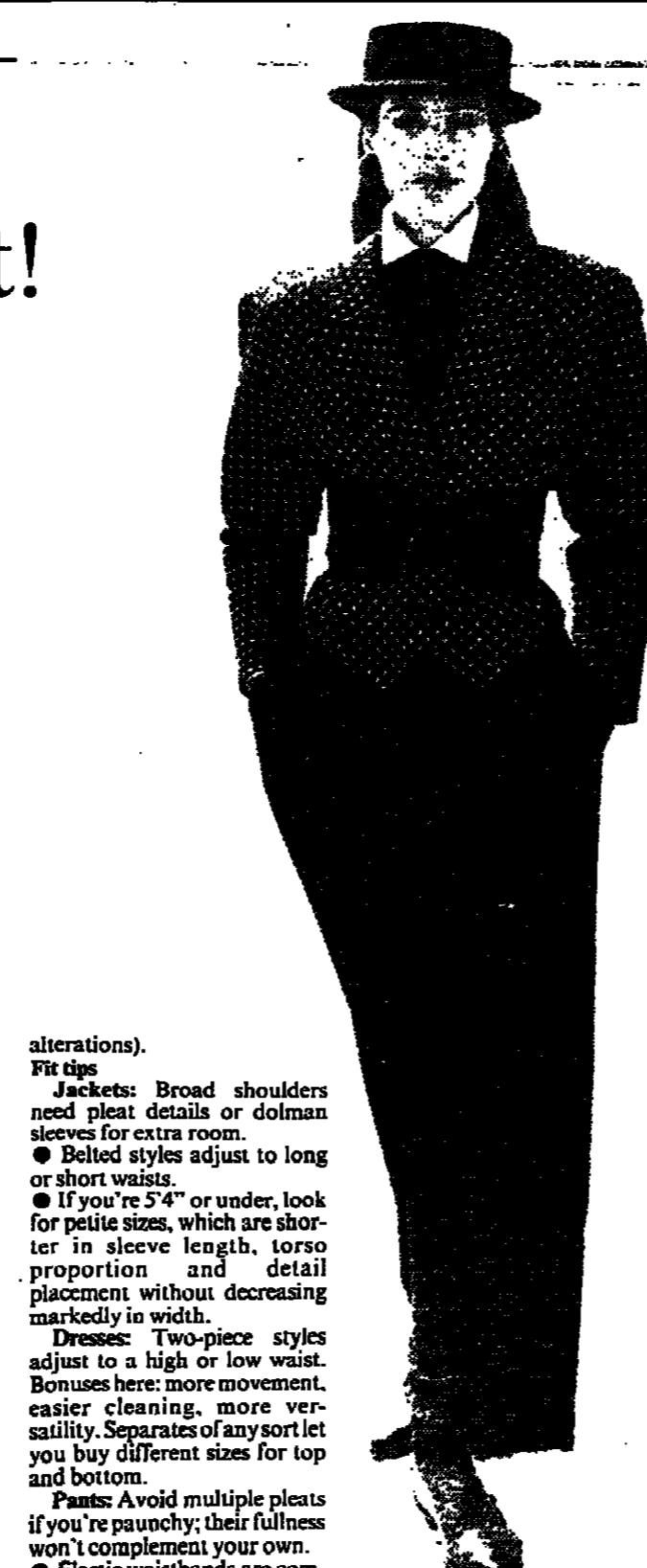
Each designer selects the model whose proportions work best for the clothes she creates, so the "perfect size 8" may vary from about 34-26-36 (at Anne Klein II, for instance) to 36-27-37, what designer Cynthia Rowley calls "a healthy size 8".

Some European and American designers use a size 6 model instead (at Oscar de la Renta, for example, her measurements are 34-25-35), so the proportional difference between height and girth is greater.

To complicate this most basic element of fit, designers may change their fit model as the image of the ideal woman changes — slightly bustier or smaller in the hip — or the model herself may change, so a collection that fits you well this season may not a few years later.



Designer Oscar De La Renta with his fitting model.



fuller for ample hips and thighs. An exception: the slim skirt, which fits, flatters most figures. But beware the high-waist skirt on a thick middle or short waist; it feels, looks constricting.

Tops: You'll find many sportswear pieces marked P.S.M or L, that translates to: Petite = 4,5,6,7; Small = 6,7,8,9; Medium = 8,9,10,11; Large = 11,12,13,14 (depending on garment design and manufacturer). These clothes are designed with a little leeway so they tend to be more comfortable.



Should you have it tailor made?

Perhaps, if you're really hard to fit. Having clothes made to your exact measurements may cost you no more than what you're paying for an off-the-rack garment plus alterations. And if you know exactly what you want, you'll save shopping time as well.

A tailor for pants and jackets, a dressmaker for more softly draped clothes. Select a pattern from the tailor's stock or bring in one of your own (a stylish option: a designer pattern); he will make it to your measurements. Another option: Copy your best-fitting clothes. Plan on two fittings from pattern to finished garment. (Once they're made, basic patterns can be used repeatedly — good news: one fitting — with different fabric and details).

THE average number of jeans most women try on before buying? Sixteen, says fashion spokesman Louis Stratz. You'll make fewer trips to the dressing room if you:

- Find a size range — misses or juniors — that fits your shape and stick with it.
- Don't expect washed jeans to shrink.
- Try relaxed styles if you need more room in the seat and thighs.
- Try men's sizes if you're slimhipped. Waist/inseam (leg) measurements let you choose proportions right for you.

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## The Body Shop: a fresh approach to cosmetics

TO the hundreds of thousands of people all over the world who visit the Body Shop every week, it is, quite simply, the place where they choose to go to buy their skin and hair care products.

They enjoy the experience: the smell, the sights, the sounds, the atmosphere... And they like and trust the products: they work well.

The Body Shop is an international company, with its headquarters in West Sussex, UK.

It researches, develops, manufactures, distributes, and finally sells products for both women and men, of all ages.

The Body Shop approach is different from that of the mainstream cosmetics industry. They follow the route of health and well-being, rather than the obstacle-strewn path to 'beauty'. You will not find images of idealised women in their shops or literature.

The Body Shop approach is non-exploitative. Its shops are self-service. Customers are not pressurised into buying something they do not really need or want by either advertising or forceful sales staff.

The Body Shop backs its products with information: information readily available directly, or indirectly through our staff: Body Shop staff are trained to help customers when they need or want it.

They offer choices: a choice of products that care for your skin and hair, and a choice of how you buy them.

**How did the Body Shop begin?**

In 1976, Anita Roddick opened a tiny shop in a side street in Brighton. She sold a range of twenty-five natural skin and hair care products in a variety of bottle sizes, labelled by hand. The shop had sprung from her idea that you ought to be able to buy as much or as little shampoo or skin cream as you wanted — just as you can do with apples or potatoes...

Today each Body Shop sells over 300 products. There are around 300 Body Shops, most

Many of the Body Shop's products are sourced in the Third World, encouraging local communities in developing countries to grow ingredients.

of them franchised. And they are still growing.

All the Body Shops across the world form part of a whole, that is held together by a common bond. It is underwritten by a common philosophy.

This is the strong foundation on which thriving and successful international company has been built.

### Philosophy

The Body Shop continues to trade today on the same principles that have held firm since its beginning in 1976.

**Third World**

Many of the Body Shop's products are sourced in the Third World, encouraging local communities in developing countries to grow ingredients.

This then provides employment and trade.

The aim is to have relationships with the Third World based on equality. Such a relationship has been established with the Boys' Town Trust in southern India. The Trust enables street children to become educated and trained, so that they can fulfil their own potential and become valued members of their own communities.

They are taught trades and skills such as farming, woodworking, basketry, and silk screen printing.

The Body Shop is trading with the Boys' Town Trust, not merely providing aid. The boys are making wooden massage

Anita Roddick: founder of the Body Shop

rollers for the Body Shop, printing Christmas cards for the company, and will be developing more products with the trust in the future.

In 1987 Body Shops throughout the world began raising money for the beginning of a new Boys' Town: a Body Shop Boys' Town. Funds raised by staff and customers bought the land, on a site near Athoor.

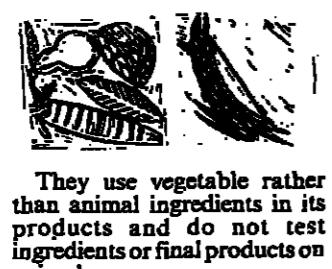
There will be six bungalows to house 85 boys, offering them a home, security, education, training, and a job in the future: an alternative to poverty. A productive farm will support the community. Once the town is established, trade will help the older boys, while sponsorship money will sustain the older boys through school.

The Body Shop network now stretches around the world. There are Body Shops in places as far apart — and as different — as Dubai and Denmark, the Arctic and Australia, Sweden and Singapore, Holland and Hong Kong, trading in thirteen languages.

The rich cultural diversity adds to the strength of the company. But go into any Body Shop throughout the world, and you will find every shop looking basically the same.

The identity of The Body Shop is strong, and it appeals to customers everywhere. Most of its customers are in sympathy with the companies' philosophy, and, of course, with their products.

People matter to The Body Shop: employees, and customers.



Body Shop products reflect their philosophy.

Which is formulated with care and respect.

How does this work?

Respect for other cultures.

Anita Roddick travels extensively each year and learns how people in different countries care for their skin and hair.

They are taught trades and skills such as farming, woodworking, basketry, and silk screen printing.

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## Young Turk of fashion

By Gail Rolfe

To his great surprise he was accepted and found he had discovered his vocation. This time he left with a first class honours degree and, in 1980, went to work for Monsoon, the company that made its name with its interpretations of ethnic clothes.

It was only as recently as 1984 that he formed his own company, backed by the Swiss-Pakistani firm Gulf International.

He has never looked back since then. And this autumn he signed a licensing agreement with AEFFE, the Italian manufacturers who already produce the Moschino and Alberta Ferretti labels.

### Touch

It is a measure of Ozbek's sure touch that he has never suffered in off season when his clothes have been criticised by the international press and buyers. His clothes sell around the world from America, Japan, Hong Kong to Italy, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Ozbek's clothes are fun, never dull and boring. Of course they are well cut, and use beautiful fabrics, but he adds his own touch that somehow makes them very different.

This summer the theme was Mexican with white cotton shirts cropped at the waist, or knitted bra tops worn with linen skirts trimmed with raffia, sombrero hats and leggings.

### Opulence

But his most famous outfit is his liberally embroidered black evening suits or dresses. He was the designer who single-handedly brought opulence back into fashion.

His suits were instantly recognisable and it was those that made Rifat Ozbek the fashionable designer label to have hanging in your wardrobe.

Each season has a different theme: the first was tassels, the second swags and bows and last winter came Dali-esque lips, mouths and eyes.

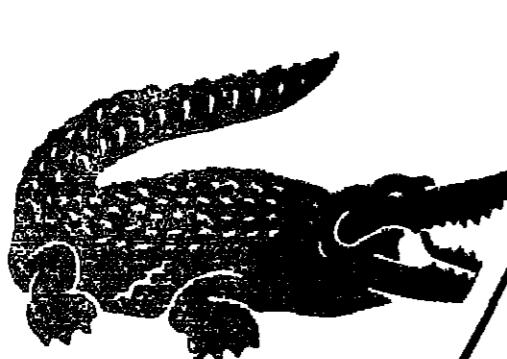
He once said: "My clothes have the classic continental cut with the British wit." And that is the essence of his appeal.

The unmistakable style that earned Turkish designer Rifat Ozbek the title Fashion Designer of the Year.



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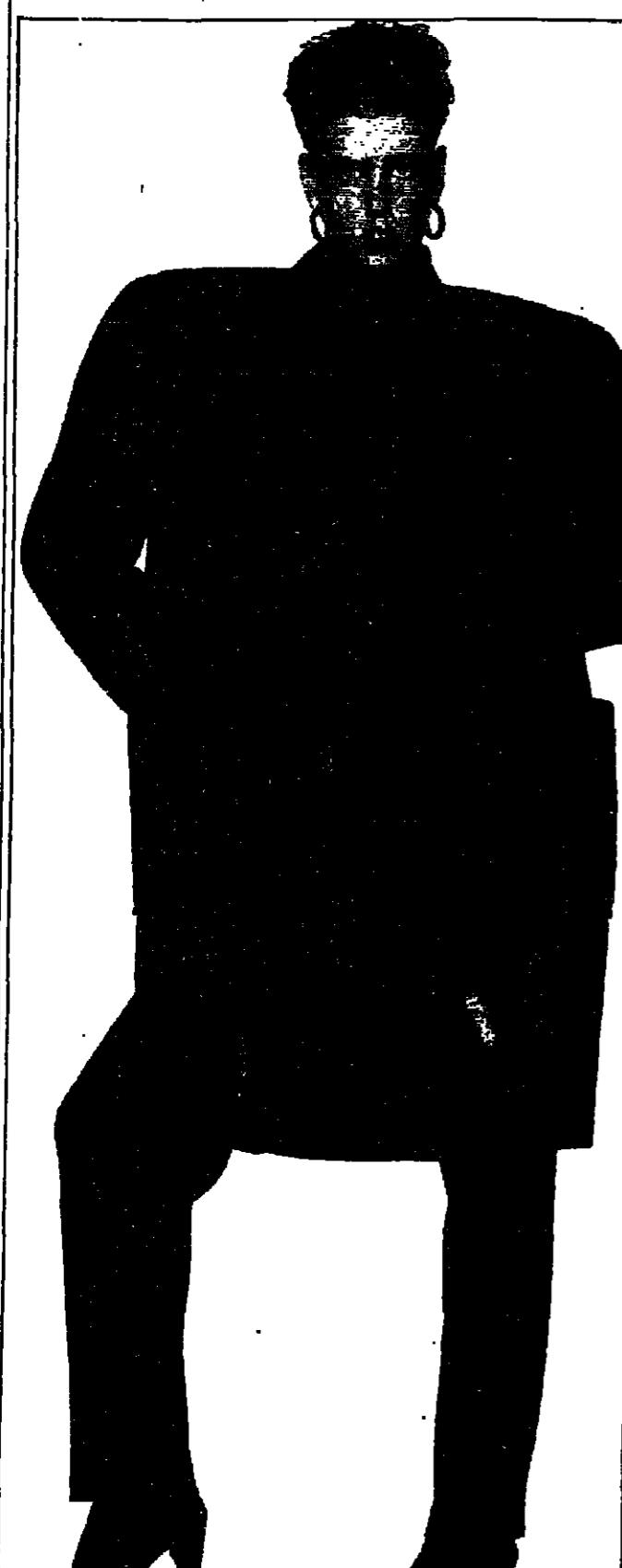
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The straight and narrow: classical pinstripes are in again

## What a turn-up for trousers!

HERE we go again: Pants are back in the news and they're smarter, more sophisticated than ever. We can probably thank the mini-skirt for the tidal wave of interest in pants. After all that leg last year, a well-cut pair of trousers looks fresh and, well, sexy.

Talk about leaving a little to the imagination. Plus there's something undeniably intriguing about a woman who can dress like "one of the boys" and still remains every inch a woman.

She's not skirting the issue of hemlines; she's simply taking the most direct route to great style.

Then there's the freedom conferred by pants. Women stand taller, walk more purposefully, don't have to tug at their hem before sitting down (or wonder what's showing when they do).

The message: confidence. And semiotics aside, when a gentle breeze gives way to a cold chill, pants simply make the best fashion sense around.



Current pant styles are influenced by quintessential independent women like aviator Amelia Earhart (left) and actress Katharine Hepburn.



Shades of Chanel: Sporty houndstooth pants for a look that's understated chic. Dress it up with pearls

## Why black is beautiful

By Kathleen Lawrence

I WENT out recently with a group of friends. "We're all wearing black," I said. We all were. All black.

I tried to pinpoint the moment when black invaded my wardrobe. Maybe when I got the black, marked-down jumpsuit. Or maybe when I spent five bucks for the black ribbed-knit skirt with the elastic waistband at the thrift shop. I know black's been in my life for a long time because I bought that skirt nine years ago. And also because my husband recently urged me to throw the jumpsuit the hell out.

"It's a rag, can't you see?" he asked concern in his voice. I couldn't see. That's the first principle of darkness: It's hard to see.

The jumpsuit still looked good on, I thought, if the look wasn't a close one.

Whenever my black stage began, I've clearly given over to it. It's dark in there in the Stygian abyss of my closet. The floor is littered with black shoes: satin slingbacks, plain leather pumps, black sneakers, black high tops and black waterproof boots. I count four black dresses, two identical long black sweaters (one cotton, one wool), and three pairs of skinny black pants, purchased at one time, to be honest. I do own some white, beige and red as well as two print items both gifts.

### Uniform

The cynosure of my wardrobe is a well-loved black leather jacket, which I wear with everything. Lately, though, my husband has made some disparaging remarks about it that leave me feeling as distressed as he says the leather is.

Now that I've accumulated all this darkness, I don't shop much. The black hole absorbs the shopping impulse. People accept you in black. They think: "Oh, her. She's always wearing black, but she must be wearing something new." Actually, it's the same old ribbed-knit skirt.

I have blacks as my uniform, the same way male designers have theirs. Perry Ellis wears chinos and a white shirt. Halston wears his black turtleneck, and Ralph Lauren his jean jacket. These men don't spend their time in department stores trying on busters and tucks, or spend money buying them.

Black gives you time to think. That's what the philosophy nun said to me in college. She liked wearing a habit because she could use her morning time to ponder Thomas Merton instead of her wardrobe.

Of course there were many other decisions the philosophy nun was relieved of—those concerning children, men, jobs, plumbers, restaurants and health clubs. But why not simplify life where you can? If you can't cut out men or drink, you can certainly wear black.

Black, furthermore, proclaims that you do think. It's not for nothing that people who wear black are thought to be sophisticated. Webster's definition of "sophisticated": "highly complicated, deprived of native or original simplicity, worldly-wise, knowing." You wear it so you can think of other things.

I suspect, too, that wearing black sometimes indicates a kind of unconscious mourning. City dwellers often wear black. They've seen people wrapped in blankets sleeping on their streets; perhaps pastels seem a little frivolous, even insensitive, to the sadness they witness.

There are other, more practical reasons I wear black.

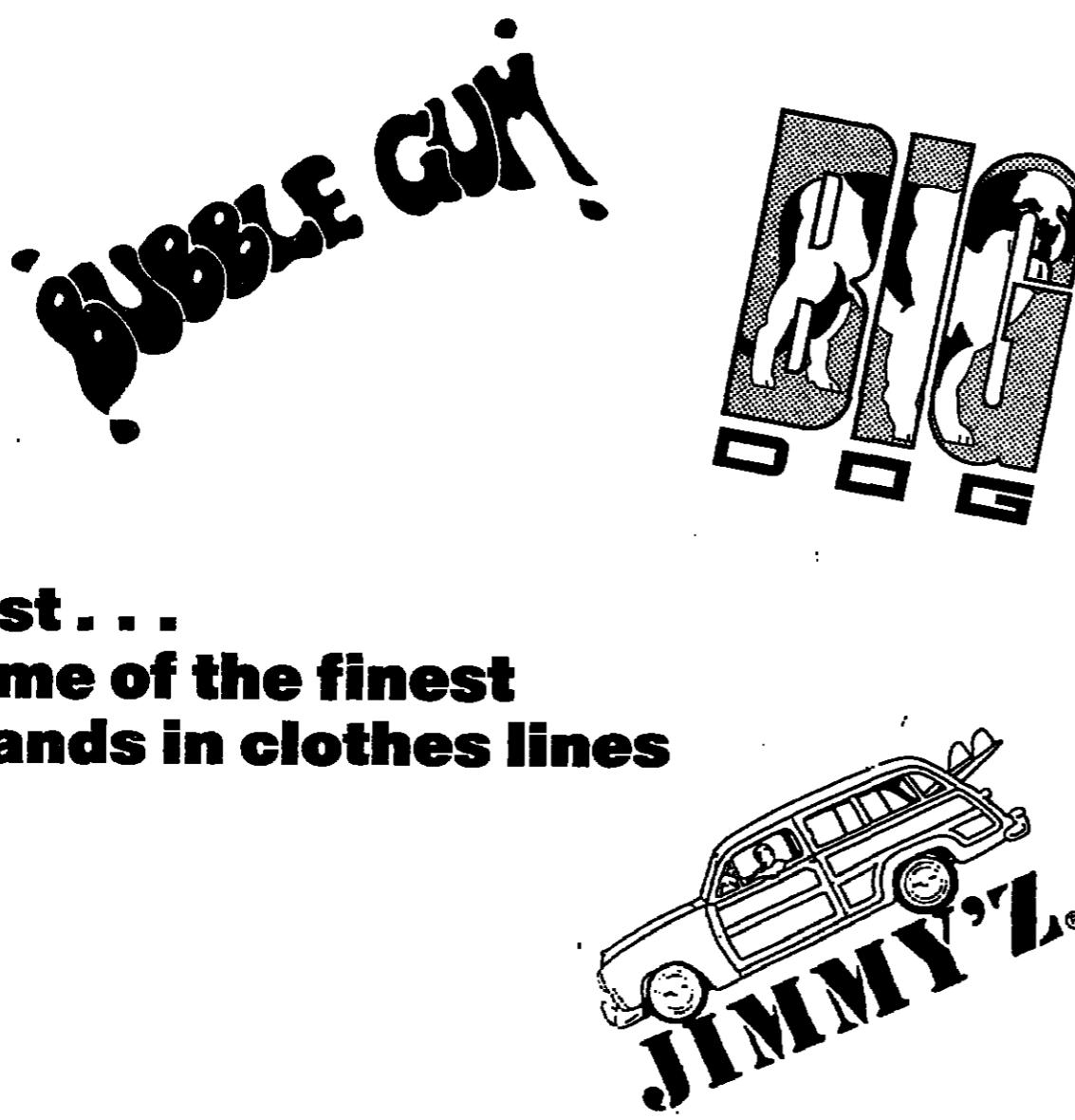
Everything matches.

Black stocking obscure leg hair.

Black doesn't show dirt. The other day I took one of the long sweaters to be cleaned, but only because I was brought up properly, not because it looked dirty. All black wearers are aware of this advantage. Don't tell me Halston puts on a fresh turtleneck every day.

I also look good in black. A lot of people do, as it creates a kind of glow around the face. Rembrandt knew that.

I remember what this girl in college said. When we met, I was drinking light tea with two lumps. She was drinking coffee, black. I found her to be most worldly-wise and deprived of simplicity. She flashed me a knowing smile, and said, "Once you go black, you'll never go back."



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By Michela Wrong

**PARIS.** (Reuters) A surge of male vanity has brought men's fashion into its own after years of being overshadowed by women's wear.

Once the poor relation of the fashion world, men's clothing is now getting the respect it deserves from the designers who show off their collections in Paris each year.

Twenty-nine top stylists, the most ever, launched their ready-to-wear spring and summer collections for men recently with the kind of slick professionalism usually reserved for the women's shows.

"There has been an extraordinary outburst of creativity, a great maturity of approach, designers are now ready to enter this market," says Claude Miserey, president of the French federation of men's clothing manufacturers.

Most of the big names, like innovative French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier, Japanese stylist Kenzo and fashion house Comme Des Garcons have moved into men's wear after first establishing their reputations in women's fashion.

The most recent to make that transition was German-born designer Karl Lagerfeld, who launched his first men's collection.

For Miserey, the growing interest in men's fashion among designers can be easily explained — it is the direct result of the new male narcissism.

Many young men now go to the gym to work out, look after their complexions by using moisturiser instead of soap, scent themselves with aftershave and are increasingly obsessed with what they wear.

"Men have become sex objects, like women, and like women they want to please. Designers are simply reacting to that trend," says Miserey.

The shows, attended by a record number of journalists and buyers, seemed aimed at underlining the idea of the male as peacock, using colour and style to attract his mate.

Stylists like Thierry Mugler, Claude Montana and even the classical Christian Dior brought a fresh new approach to the traditional dull suit — concentrating on bright

## Men's fashion gets a boost



The rise of male vanity puts men's fashion on centre stage.

yellows and greens, pastel pinks and blues. Gaultier, best known for his attempt to persuade the man-

in-the-street to don high heels and skirts, presented a cheeky collection that focused unashamedly on the male as sex symbol, featuring codpieces and trouserless suits.

At the huge international men's and boys' wear trade show, held simultaneously in an exhibition hall on the outskirts of Paris, the growing number of visitors bears witness to increasing interest in men's fashion.

Here buyers, their appetites whetted by the prestigious collections, get down to the brass tacks of ordering stock.

"Every year we get more and more people asking to set up stands in the hall, there has been a mushrooming of interest," says spokeswoman Martine Sussfield.

Italian buyer Alberto Antonioli visiting the fair to size up outfit for his shops in Milan and Lugano, says the new male vanity has had a clear impact on sales.

"I used to have shops that sold mostly women's clothing, now it's more like half and half."

Men have developed the same shopping patterns as women, buying themselves a new wardrobe each year to keep up with the times, says Antonioli.

But while the top end of the 19-billion-franc (three-billion-dollar) industry is flourishing, the cheaper end languishes in the doldrums, threatened by a rising tide of foreign jeans and men's shirts.

"The high-quality fashion clothes are selling well but we've had problems at the cheap end of the market for the last two years. The competition from Asia and Africa is very keen," says Miserey.

His figures point to a growing polarisation of French society.

While more and more men are ready to pay out somewhere in the region of 6,000 francs (\$950) for an Yves Saint Laurent suit, the average annual rate of expenditure on clothes in France remains 1,930 francs a year.

The average, says Miserey, is dragged down by millions of men living and working in the countryside, whose basic labouring clothes are a far cry from the catwalks of Paris.

By Carol Lynn Mithers

FOR years, I suffered from a deep and pervasive case of Fear of Shopping.

It started when I learned a brutal truth: Clothes are more than garments to cover one's nakedness; they can be serious business.

I can't pinpoint exactly when I discovered this — maybe in first grade when someone hooted at my red Buster Brown oxfords — but once I realised that what I wore would determine whether I'd have a happy childhood or be doomed as a victimised dork, buying clothes changed from a neutral, necessary activity to a traumatic ordeal.

I wasn't just buying a wardrobe, I was buying my place in the social order. Did that red sweater match that plaid skirt, or was the skirt itself a mistake, despite the saleswoman's assurances that plaid was what "they" were wearing this year? Who were "they"? Which crowd did they run with?

As my sister fidgeted and my mother told me to make up my mind, the first episode of Fear of Shopping began: a despairing crankiness that gave way to overwhelming fatigue.

I slumped against the dressing room mirror, my eyes dulled. "Oh, Lord," said my mother, undoubtedly thinking of all the years in dressing rooms that awaited her. "Give me strength."

### Spasm

That first spasm of Fear of Shopping set the tone for all the expeditions to come: for winter wardrobes, summer wardrobes, back-to-school wardrobes and — the worst horror of all — The Sales.

While my sister masterfully shoved her way through the crowds clearing a path with her elbows, I stumbled behind, dazed and disoriented.

In adolescence, things got worse. Now I had to worry about not only style but effect. What secret would turn a scruffy, shy teenager into a self-assured irresistible siren?

In some ways I wasn't alone in my shopping dread — department-store dressing rooms were established battlegrounds for intergenerational warfare, places where all mothers tried to ruin all daughters' lives by



## Torture by the rack

One woman spells out the reasons why she loathes shopping for clothes

making them buy the wrong clothes.

But other girls seemed to respond to the challenge like hardened guerrilla fighters, holding their own in screaming confrontations before the mirror, going shopping alone and, if necessary, changing their clothes before school in the junior-high bathroom.

Somehow they faced the racks, eyes alight with the joy of consumerism; I couldn't even walk into a store without becoming catatonic.

Then came the sixties. For the first time in my life, fashion was something I could understand.

Elegant attire was whatever forties dress could be found at the local thrift shop, which was the ideal place for someone with my phobia; there was no worry about accessorising, or whether a better version of the same dress could be found elsewhere.

Shopping was so basic — either a garment was ripped or

### What's the truth about night cream?

**MYTH:** If you use night cream your skin can't breathe.

**TRUTH:** Your skin is oxygenated via the bloodstream; your pores don't "breathe." Night creams and other moisturizers aid your skin's appearance by encouraging it to stay moist.

**MYTH:** Night creams are heavy and cause your skin to break out.

**TRUTH:** Night creams will not cause break outs, but if you think yours is too heavy, switch to one that's lighter and non-comedogenic (will not block pores). A good bet in this category: Neutrogena Night cream.

**MYTH:** Exotic ingredients like royal jelly, jojoba oil, collagen, hormones and placenta extract make creams more effective.

**TRUTH:** Exotic doesn't mean effective. These ingredients are harmless, but they have no proven benefits to your skin. For example, topically applied collagen can't penetrate your skin's surface, so it won't boost your skin's natural supply. Neither hormones nor placenta extra have been proven to provide significant benefits when used in creams. Ditto other exotic and different-sounding night-cream ingredients.

it wasn't, either it was in the right size or it wasn't — that even I could do it. It was a nail knew was too good to last.

It was. As the simplicity of jeans-and-a-shirt gave way to the complexity of designer denim, and the attendant dilemma of what kind of jeans "they" were wearing this year, Fear of Shopping returned in all its virulence.

It wasn't until I got a job that I realised how the old way I'd looked at fashion no longer made sense.

It wasn't that style didn't count — the legions of women I saw in identical blue suits made it clear that business, like school, often demanded the proper uniform. It wasn't that trendiness didn't matter — like everyone else, I wanted to look as if I knew what year I was living in.

It wasn't that wanting to look good wasn't important — some needs never change. But I was no longer the mass of trembling insecurities I'd been at ten. If I needed to adopt a certain look for a job, I'd adopt it. If I wanted to be an courant, I could buy an up-to-date outfit and accept the fact that I might never accessorise it as perfectly as the mannequin in the store.

Over a quarter century of living in the same body had taught me what looked good on it. I was a grown-up. I could trust my own taste, and if I blew it once or twice, my life wouldn't be ruined.

Fashion wasn't such a desperately serious business after all. It was simply about having fun with clothes.

These days my mate snorts when I talk about Fear of Shopping. "You?" he says, looking meaningfully at my full closet and what he insists is an outrageous number of shoes.

And although Fear of Shopping is something one never fully vanquishes — three hours in any mall is my limit — he's right.

There are times when I treat myself to clothes I don't absolutely need. There are times when I go shopping just because I want to.

And not too long ago, when my mother once again found the spiritual strength to risk taking me into a store, I not only bought a few things, I stayed cheerful, calm and awake the entire time. The poor woman was undone.

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By Lima Al Khalafawi

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By John Morgan

WHEN most of today's fashion designers are pushing up daisies and long forgotten, Yves Saint Laurent will be remembered as the most creative and influential fashion force of our time.

It was he who perfected the modern woman's wardrobe of easy-to-wear mannish shapes, counter-pointed with romantically feminine evening wear.

He introduced the blazer worn with grey flannels and a white shirt, the safari suit, the jump-suit and even the see-through blouse.

Born in Oran, Algeria, in 1936, he gained his first fashion credit in 1953 when he won a competition sponsored by the International Wool Secretariat.

At 19, he left Oran and came to Paris. Michel de Brunhoff, editor of French Vogue, saw his drawings and introduced him to Christian Dior, who

## Yves Saint Laurent still king of couture

immediately hired him as an assistant. "Dior was the prodigal master and taught me the roots of my art," says Saint Laurent.

**Miraculous**

So miraculous was the young Saint Laurent's progress that on the great man's death in 1957, he was appointed head designer of Dior.

His first collection, in 1958, was a resounding success. But two years later Saint Laurent was drafted into the Army, where he had a nervous breakdown, and the House of Dior hired Marc Bohan to replace him. In 1962, he established his own house.

What sets Saint Laurent apart is his consummate skill with colour and form, which

ensures his clothes enhance rather than detract from the wearer. Explains Paloma Picasso, lifelong devotee, "His fashion doesn't tamper with your personal style, it promotes it."

Any woman can wear Saint Laurent. Says John Fairchild, the publisher of Women's Wear Daily, "He reduced fashion to its basics, clothes that can be worn almost for ever ... clothes that create a fantasy where a woman feels better ... colours that are mixed with the artistry of Picasso."

David Roberts, director of the Saint Laurent Rive Gauche shops in London, says, "Yves' great strength is his classics; they are what people come back for. Our customer might buy

Skill with colour and form and clothes that enhance rather than detract from the wearer, is the secret of Yves Saint Laurent's creations.

Alaia one season; Chanele the next, but her basic wardrobe is always Saint Laurent."

This autumn's ready-to-wear collection is vintage Saint Laurent. It pays homage to the great Cubist painters and includes Braque-inspired asymmetrical jackets in corduroy and flannel for day and ottoman and satin for after six. Cropped, wide trousers are back in a big way. There are also co-sets-style dresses.

Today, in addition to the haute couture collections, there are over 100 Rive Gauche shops selling the ready-to-wear ranges for women and men. And his initials grace every kind of accessory, including fragrances.

Says Maria Agnelli, Italian grande dame de societe another famous Saint Laurent devotee, "Through Saint Laurent's Rive Gauche pret-a-porter line, fashion took a big step into the future, leaving behind the elitist character it had in the past."

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait delegation winds up visit to Bonn

BONN, Oct 16. (KUNA): A ranking Kuwaiti delegation yesterday wound up a six-day visit to West Germany, during which it held talks with senior representatives of German trade and industrial sectors on reinforcing bilateral economic relations.

The Kuwaiti delegates, led by president of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdel Aziz Al Saquer also conferred with Minister for Economics Martin Bangemann and a selected group of West Germany's trade and industry representatives.

They also visited the city of Cologne last Wednesday, where they were greeted by its mayor. Last Thursday, the delegation visited West Berlin and met with representatives of the city's economic sector.

### Readiness

During its stay in West Germany, the Kuwaiti team expressed readiness to contribute to joint Arab-German investments in Germany and Arab states.

Al Saquer urged the Germans to endorse the agreement on prevention of double taxation, due to receive final approval by the end of the year.

He also called on Bonn to work inside the EEC to strengthen the European role in the efforts aimed at realising stability in the Middle East and enhancing co-operation between Germany and Arab states in general, and Gulf countries in particular.

Bangemann is due to visit Kuwait in November to hold talks on enhancing bilateral economic co-operation.

## Jordan plans austerity drive

AMMAN, Oct 16. (Reuter): Jordan is planning an austerity drive coupled with a boost for exports and private enterprise under its 1989 budget, a senior Jordanian official said today.

He told Reuters the council of ministers' weekly meeting on Saturday discussed the broad outlines of the budget, expected to be unveiled in early December.

"Figures of next year's budget are not clear yet, but belt tightening and rationalising public expenditure will be the main features of next year's government spending plan," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

### Exports

"New policies to encourage exports and private sector activity to create an atmosphere conducive to correcting the imbalances in the balance of payments and increasing foreign exchange reserves will be adopted."

The country's foreign exchange reserves increased to \$67.7 million in July from \$56.8 million in June, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"Prices of basic food supplies — meat, rice, sugar, wheat — will be maintained at the present level and we shall continue to subsidise these strategic commodities," the official said.

## Falling oil prices put new debt pressure on Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Oct 16. (Reuter): Falling oil prices have put new pressure on Mexico and could force the new government taking over in December to seek early talks with its Western bank creditors, senior Mexican officials say.

"The drop in oil prices will affect our financing needs for 1989," public credit director Angel Gurria told Reuters this week.

While officials insist that cuts in government spending and higher tax revenues are easing budgetary problems, falling oil income is expected to have a significant impact on the government's accounts next year.

### Services

Mexico's current account, which measures the trade balance in goods and services, is expected to be on the plus side for 1988, following a \$3.9-billion surplus in 1987, but officials say Mexico has been running a deficit in the second half.

Mexico had apparently beaten its debt problems with a benchmark 20-year rescheduling accord reached in March 1987, and was trying to begin a new phase of negotiations to reduce its overall debt.

But the oil price plunge has led

improvement with debt reduction and new long-term credit lines to pay for development.

Mexico cut its \$100-billion debt by \$1.1 billion in March through a debt for bonds exchange, but attempts since then to interest governments and international agencies in backing a new issue have met with a lukewarm response.

"We are facing a new situation with the oil collapse. We see no major short-term problems, but the new uncertainty is forcing us to re-think," Gurria said.

No significant debt initiatives are expected by the present government, which has less than two months to run.

An approach to creditors is expected to be made by the new administration, which Gurria said would also likely take a decision on any new debt-for-bonds plan.

### Surplus

Suarez Davila said the 1988 trade surplus is now forecast at \$4 billion, less than half last year's total.

To help cope with the budgetary impact of lower oil prices, Mexico has cut 1988 spending by \$220 million, around 1 per cent, and plans to maximise tax receipts.

Risk of a new shock will create '70s style inflation, say analysts

## World oil prices fall back to 1974 level

NEW YORK, Oct 16. (Reuter): Fifteen years after the 1973 Arab oil embargo gave OPEC its chance to send oil prices soaring, they are back in real terms about where they began then.

And in a world which is now awash in oil, analysts of the petroleum market say the risk of a new "shock" which would create 1970s-style inflation and might tilt the West into a slump are sharply diminished.

Arab nations announced escalations cuts in supply to Western nations on October 17, 1973, to protest against their support of Israel in the Middle East war of that autumn.

### Prices

Panic in a tight market made it possible for OPEC, which had been created in 1960, to raise prices dramatically.

By January 1, 1974, the price

of light Middle East crude was at \$11.65 a barrel, up from three.

But, after rising above \$34 in the early 1980s as the market remained tight and nervous, it is now back around \$10. Allowing for inflation, that is around where the OPEC decade began.

"In real terms, we have much lower prices now than in 1973-78," said Maurice Adelman, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### Poll

What happened was that sky-high prices stamped the West into a search for new oil outside OPEC control and also into conserving energy and using more gas, coal and nuclear power, so that the 1980s have witnessed a glut of petroleum.

Many Americans still fear a repeat of 1973's rationing lines at

the petrol pump. About 62 per cent of people questioned in a recent poll said they expected to be sitting in line for petrol again within five years.

And Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, when he was Saudi Arabia's oil minister, regularly said the glut was temporary.

But the arithmetic, at least for now, is scarcely encouraging for OPEC which is struggling to keep its 13 fractious members within strict output quotas to stop prices falling even further.

"The oil weapon was effective, for it forced the Western countries to take notice of Arab sensitivities," said Rajai Abu Khadra, a former adviser to Kuwait who is now at the US Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

But he added: "If ever repeated, it would be ineffect-

tive."

As a measure of increased fuel efficiency, American cars now travel 38 per cent farther per gallon of petrol than they did in 1973.

### Consumer

In 1973 the United States, the biggest consumer, used 16.8 million barrels of crude oil daily. That accounted for 45 per cent of its total.

Last year, it used about the same volume but it represented only 41 per cent of the need, said John Lichtenblau, president of Petroleum Industry Research Foundation.

Yet the US economy is booming in the longest peacetime expansion on record.

"It was unthinkable in 1973 that the world economy would expand without higher demand for oil," Lichtenblau said.

"Back then, there was no surplus capacity and prices could only go up when demand rises."

### Reserves

Crude oil output statistics show how lapping new reserves like those in Alaska and under the North Sea has crimped OPEC.

Output in non-communist countries is now around 50 million barrels daily, the highest for eight years, according to the International Energy Agency.

But OPEC accounts for only about 20 million. It used to be called on to supply around half as much again.

And the US Energy Department estimates that as much as three million barrels daily of that spare capacity exists outside the Gulf, the area most vulnerable to supply disruption.

## World Business Summary

### Saudis slash oil output

ABU DHABI, Oct 16. (UPI): Saudi Arabia has slashed its oil output drastically after a warning of a possible repetition of the 1986 market collapse appears to have succeeded in creating a sense of urgency among other producers to stabilise prices, traders said today. The Gulf-based traders said Saudi Arabia, the world's largest exporter, has brought its production down to 4.4 million barrels a day, close to its OPEC-assigned quota of 4.3 million BPD during the week ending Oct 10. That is around 1.4 million BPD less than the kingdom's output during the last two weeks of September. Signalling impatience with widespread violations of OPEC's production rules, Saudi Arabia on Oct 3 warned a free-for-all could result in a repeat of the 1986 market collapse, when oil prices tumbled by 50 per cent. The traders also expected Saudi Arabia's allies, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, to limit their run-away output. "The Saudis have shown their power and the message appears to have gotten through," the Middle East manager of Japanese oil company said in an interview. The sources said they were still waiting for a "solid" trend to emerge at a meeting later today of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) in Saudi Arabia. The meeting will be chaired by Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer and will be attended by his counterparts from Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar Bahrain and Oman. Reports suggesting Saudi Arabia, OPEC's principal producer, was abandoning its quota in favour of a larger market share, caused prices to tumble to 25-month-old lows in a heavily saturated market. Some Middle East crude changed hands at around \$9 a barrel.

### 5m US jobs lost to trade gap

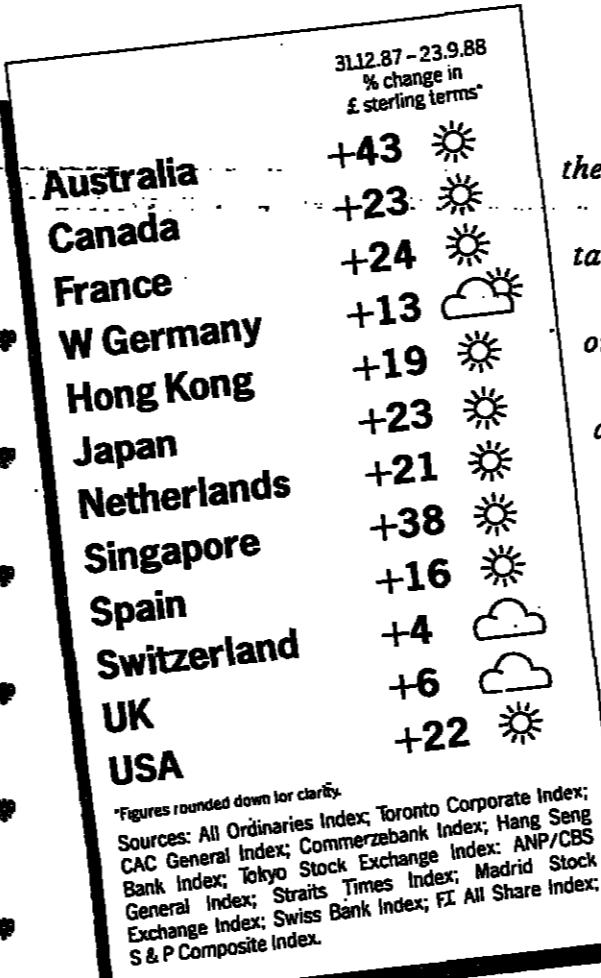
WASHINGTON, Oct 16. (Reuter): Over five million jobs were lost in the United States because of the 1987 US trade deficit, according to a study by the private Economic Policy Institute released yesterday. The study said 3.1 million of those jobs were with manufacturing companies and the other two million were in closely related industries such as business services. The United States had a record \$171.2-billion trade deficit in 1987. A smaller deficit is expected in 1988. The report by the Economic Policy Institute, a privately funded research body, said each of the four regions of the country lost over a million jobs, with the greatest losses being in the West and Midwest followed by the East and South. Unemployment has been declining in the United States, but many new jobs pay less than jobs that have been lost.

## UK inflation rises to 5.9pc

LONDON, Oct 16. (AP): Britain's annual inflation rate rose to 5.9 per cent in September from 5.7 per cent in the previous month, pushed up partly by higher mortgage rates, the government announced yesterday.

The government has increased interest rates significantly in recent months to curb inflation, which has risen from an annual rate of 3.3 per cent in January.

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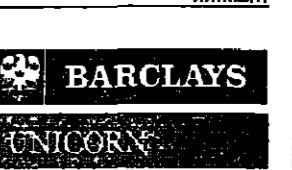
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## CURRENCY &amp; BUSINESS

Discussion could lead to a new OPEC quota pact

## Oil ministers ponder ways to push prices up

RIYADH, Oct 16, (Reuters): Oil ministers of six Gulf Arab states, responsible for one-fifth of the non-communist world's crude oil production, met in Riyadh today to discuss ways of raising oil prices.

Saudi Oil Minister Hisban Nazer opened the meeting with an appeal for unity. "The circumstances require us all to stand side by side to achieve good for our (Arab) nation and countries," he said.

One Gulf-based oil trader said dealers expected the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministers to agree on a policy which could lead to a new OPEC quota agreement to replace a battered 1986 pact on output and prices.

The GCC links Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)—all members of OPEC (Organisa-

tion of Petroleum Exporting Countries)—with non-OPEC Bahrain and Oman.

A glutted market, caused by several OPEC members including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE exceeding their output quotas, has forced world spot prices down to their lowest for two years.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has said it expects that other OPEC states must respect quota discipline before it will lower its production.

Oil industry sources said the Saudis were apparently trying to line up their Gulf allies behind a policy which would enable OPEC to raise the quotas of some individual members.

The 1986 pact set a total production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day (BPD) for the six GCC

members, excluding Iraq. Forecasts put world demand for OPEC oil at about 19 million BPD next year.

Oil analysts said Saudi Arabia's policy was intended to depress prices until the financial pressures of lower revenues forced OPEC members to respect their quotas.

"Accepting quotas is one thing and abiding by them is another," said one analyst. "The Saudis this time want every state to be included in an OPEC output pact, including Iraq."

Hope

Production by Iraq, which remained outside the 1986 pact because it was not given a quota equal to Iran's 2.369 million BPD, is now estimated at 2.7 million BPD.

Several Gulf newspapers expressed hope that the six GCC

ministers would agree a strategy which would lead to proper cooperation between OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

Saudi Arabia's Arabic-language daily Al-Nadwa said the ministers should emerge from the two-day meeting with a united policy reiterating obedience to prices and quota agreements.

It said in an editorial that this would leave other OPEC members with no choice but to abide by their quotas because the alternative was a price crash.

The six GCC states produce around 9.6 million BPD of oil, meeting one-fifth of the non-communist world's demand for 48.8 million BPD.

Strategy

The GCC meeting will be followed by joint talks between OPEC's prices and long-term strategy committees in Madrid

next Thursday on stemming the slide in oil prices.

Prices are now at least \$7 below the OPEC reference price of \$18 a barrel set in the 1986 pact.

The Madrid meetings will bring together OPEC's eight top producers—Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa arrived here today to participate in the meeting. United Arab Emirates Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources Dr Mana Saeed Al Oteiba, Oman's Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources Saeed Al Shanfari, Bahrain's Minister of Development and Industry and Acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Yousef Ahmed Al Sherawi also arrived for the same purpose.

## Exports rise slightly

## A mood of bearishness continues to grip market

NEW YORK, Oct 16, (UPI): In business and economic developments this week the US trade deficit topped \$12 billion, Donald Trump paid \$365 million for the Eastern Shuttle and Tenneco Inc. shed most of its oil exploration and production segments for \$7.3 billion. A mood of bearishness continued to grip the foreign exchange market on Friday, sending the dollar downward against most major currencies in volatile trading. Gold and silver rose.

The Commerce Department said record imports pushed the trade deficit to \$12.2 billion in August, up from a seasonally adjusted \$9.5 billion in July.

August imports reached \$39.7 billion, up from \$36 billion in July, while exports rose slightly to \$27.5 billion, the department's Census Bureau said.

The July figure was the lowest monthly figure since \$8 billion in December 1984.

For the year, the trade gap reached \$92.3 billion. If it continues at this rate, it will total \$138.5 billion, an improvement over the \$170.3 billion of 1987.

## Real estate bourse taking shape in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 16, (KUNA): A specialised committee has finalised a blueprint which, if endorsed, would give birth to a real estate bourse in Kuwait, committee head Badr Al Hmaidi said in an interview published in a local newspaper.

The idea, and the committee which is putting it in its final form, have been approved by the Industry and Commerce Ministry and the Chamber of Commerce said Al Hmaidi, who is also board chairman of Al Tamadon (urbanisation) Company.

The need for a real estate bourse has been widely felt in the local market because existing methods of dealing failed to meet and protect interests of traders, he added.

Hmaidi told the paper the proposal was developed in light of the construction boom and the rapid and remarkable growth in the volume of real estate transactions.

Another factor was the expansion of the scope of real-estate plots traded in the market under modern zoning regulations, he added.

The fast-growing market and the emergence of a new breed of brokers left many dealers complaining about the recurrence of transactions based on inaccurate and incomplete data which often put a dealer's interest in jeopardy, according to Al Hmaidi.

He said members of the committee working on the draft bourse proposal were hand-picked from a group of major real estate companies in the local market.

## Egypt to raise oil price

CAIRO, Oct 16, (UPI): Egypt, reversing a downward trend that continued for two months, decided today to raise the price of its crude oil exports by 30 US cents a barrel for the second half of October, the Middle East News Agency said.

It said the premium Suez blend will now sell for \$11.30 a barrel.

The medium Balain and Ras Badran crudes were priced at \$10.45 and \$9.30 a barrel respectively, the agency said.

The heavy Ras Ghareb crude will sell for \$9 a barrel, the agency said.

The price increase was the first in two months. Egypt had slashed prices by \$1 a barrel at the beginning of October. The cut was the fourth since Aug 15.

more likely. Suitors for Eastern include Carl Icahn, chairman of Trans World Airlines.

Eleven buyers—including Chevron Corp., Atlantic Richfield and Amoco Corp.—disclosed they had purchased parts of Tenneco Inc.'s oil exploration and production division for about \$7.3 billion.

Houston-based Tenneco is expected to clear \$6.4 billion on the sale, which was an attempt to reduce the company's \$8.6 billion in consolidated debt.

In San Francisco, Steve Jobs, chairman of Palo Alto-based Next Inc., unveiled a computer aimed at the university market.

Order

Jobs said the machine, which will cost \$6,500 for university customers, also features 8 megabytes of memory and the industry's first read-and-write compact storage disk.

Pillsbury Co. said the Securities and Exchange Commission would conduct a "routine" inquiry into trading of Pillsbury securities prior to the commencement of a \$5.2 billion

tender offer from Grand Metropolitan PLC.

A judge in Minneapolis lifted a temporary restraining order preventing the British company from purchasing shares on the open market.

The order also prevented Pillsbury from building an anti-takeover defense.

New York investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co. withdrew a \$5 billion offer for Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. and criticised the nation's second-largest supermarket chain for refusing to consider the bid.

Last month, Kroger adopted a \$1.6 billion restructuring plan in which the retailer will pay \$40 in cash and \$8 in deferred interest notes for all 76.1 million shares of the company's common stock.

Offer

Kroger rejected the Kohlberg Kravis offer last week, saying a takeover would raise antitrust questions.

The retailer fired 300 employees at corporate

headquarters and sold several divisions to raise money for the restructuring.

In New York, Maxwell Communications Corp. of London and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts of New York extended separate tender offers for Macmillan Inc. until midnight Oct 18 to accommodate the Delaware chancery court.

Macmillan has accepted the Kohlberg Kravis bid of \$2.2 billion for 91 percent of the publisher.

Maxwell's \$2.5 billion offer was spurned and he has filed suit to have Macmillan's acquisition contract with Kohlberg Kravis invalidated.

New York-based Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. urged a federal judge to remove himself from the massive securities fraud case because of a conflict of interest.

Drexel lawyers claim federal judge Milton Pollack should disqualify himself because his wife stands to gain about \$30 million in a leveraged buyout partially financed by Drexel.

## Reasons for the last year's crash still poorly understood: Levitt

## More reforms needed to reassure investors

WASHINGTON, Oct 16, (Reuters): More reforms are needed to bolster investor confidence in stock markets and reduce the risk of another collapse like the one a year ago, the chairman of the American Stock Exchange said today.

"I don't think it would happen again quite in the same way," Arthur Levitt said in a television interview. "But unless we make some significant additional changes, I remain concerned about the future."

Levitt said the stock markets self-regulatory agencies could act soon to head off more onerous legislative changes.

Concern

"I think the Congress is impatient in the face of a laissez-faire administration and my concern is that the Congress may over-regulate," he said.

Levitt said the US presidential candidates—Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis—had neglected the issue of how to cut the

huge federal budget deficit, which he said was unsettling investors.

As a result, "the public gains no reassurance in terms of the ability of our national leaders to meet this critical problem," he said.

The deficit is the most serious problem facing the United States, Levitt said.

Plunge

He said the reasons for the markets' plunge last year still were poorly understood and suggested there should be a "non-partisan, impartial, long-term study of our markets ... headed by someone of impeccable credentials" to reassure the public.

He said it was a legitimate question whether small investors believe they are treated as well as big institutional buyers and said a study might help persuade them to return to the market.

John Dingell, chairman of the House of Representatives

Energy Committee, appearing on the same TV programme, said another stock market collapse was possible because of the huge US national debt and budget deficit.

Recommendations

Dingell said "the little guy sees the market as a crapshoot" and the Reagan administration has opposed recommendations for reforming it.

"If the marketplace were to suddenly go into the kind of events that it went into on October 19 of last year, the consequences would be that they could process the paper more quickly," he said.

The additional liquidity might mean that "instead of just a drop of 500 points, we could see 1,000 or 2,000 points, and the result of that could be a real calamity and a total loss of confidence that would far exceed that which we've seen since October 19," Dingell said.

## Exchange firm celebrates annual day



The Ninth Annual Day of the Kuwait India International Exchange Co. was celebrated by its staff and their families on Thursday at the Holiday Inn.

THE Ninth Annual Day of the Kuwait India International Exchange Co. (KIIEC), one of the leading exchange companies in Kuwait, was celebrated by its staff and their family members on Thursday at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Kuwait.

The exchange company started operations in 1979, primarily to cater to the needs of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in Kuwait.

The company has two branc-

ches—one at Safat and another at Fahheel. The company is headed by H.V. Rangaswamy, a professional banker and senior executive of State Bank of India.

"On this auspicious day" Rangaswamy said, "let us rededicate ourselves for the cause of public service and explore whatever scope is left for betterment." Mr. Hamad Al Ateeqi, the Chairman of the Company, who was also present on the occasion, felicitated the staff.

Along with remittance services and free advice on relevant matters, KIIEC disseminates information to its customers through its popular "Kuwait-India Newsletter."

KIIEC is participating in the India Festival being organised by Holiday Inn Hotel. The company's stall, depicting the image of India, in the main lobby of the hotel was inaugurated by R.P. Singh, first secretary, Indian Embassy.

Tender No. 2804 S  
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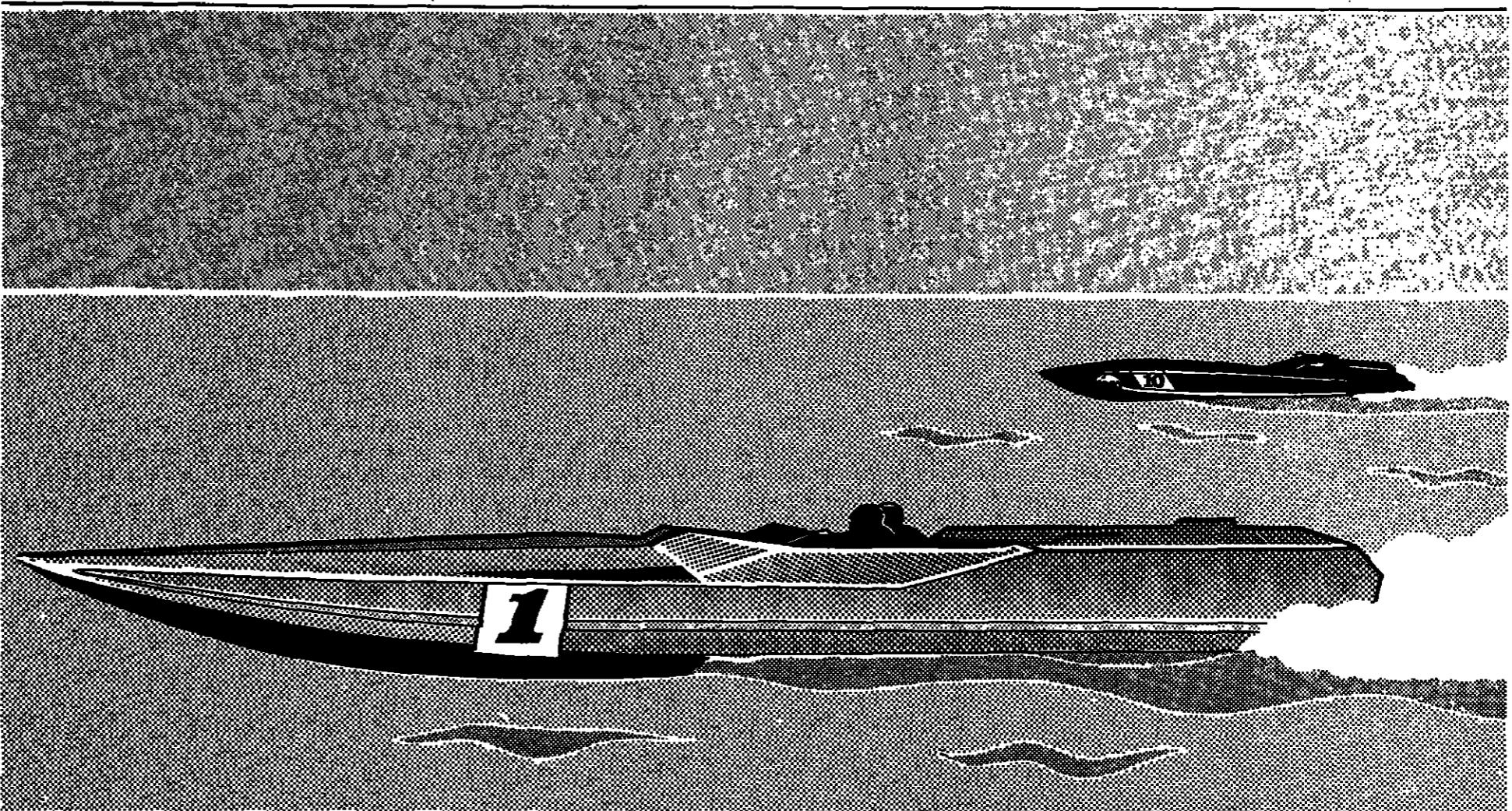
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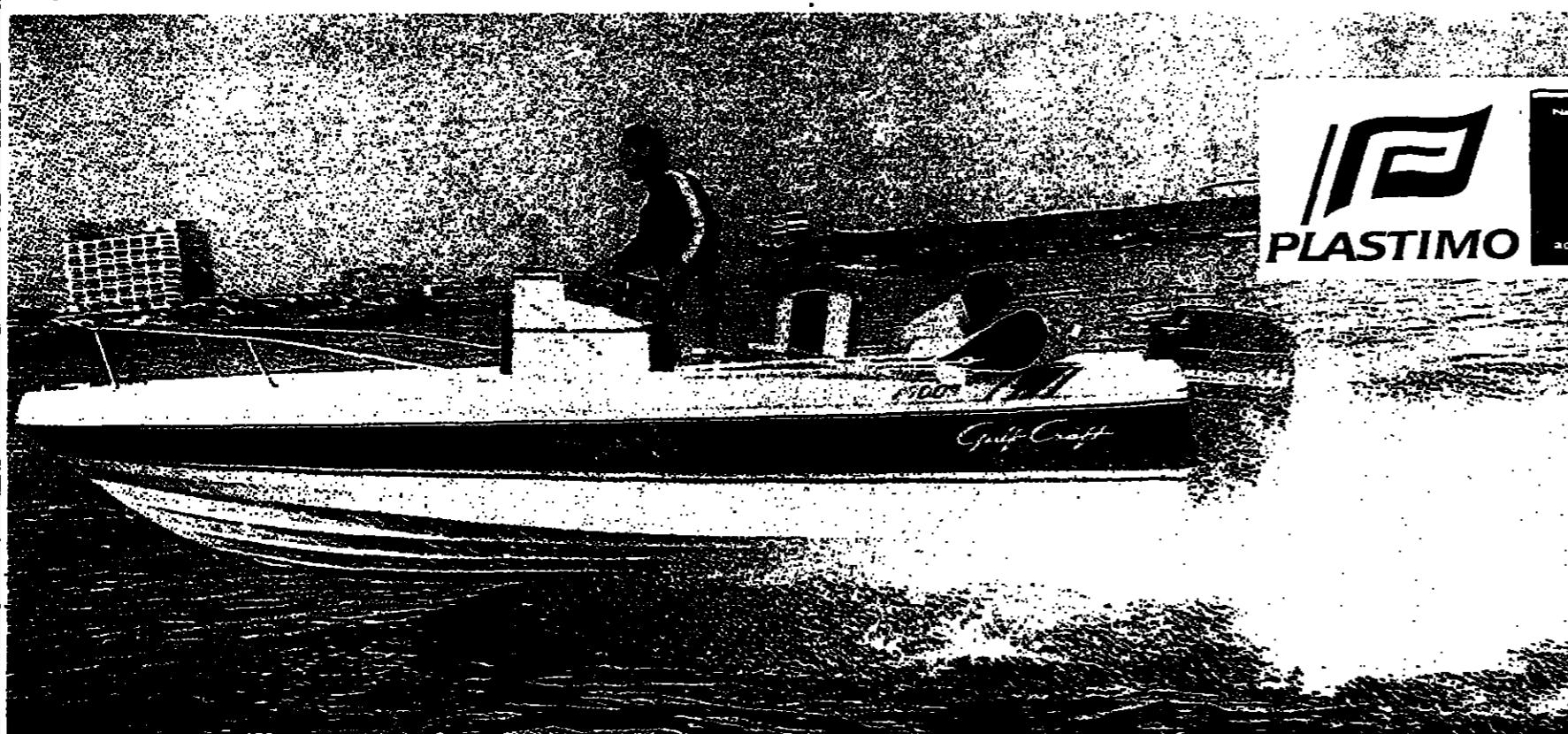
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GIBSON'S NINTH-INNING HOMER TURNS THE GAME

# Dodgers edge Athletics in opener

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16, (Reuter) — Kirk Gibson, hobbled by leg injuries, smashed a two-out, pinch-hit home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 win over the Oakland Athletics yesterday in the first game of the World Series.

Gibson's game winner — a towering 400-foot (122-metre) blast into the right field stands off Oakland's save reliever Dennis Eckersley — capped a remarkable comeback that gave Los Angeles a 1-0 edge in the best-of-seven series.

Gibson, who came to the Dodgers from Detroit this year, also hit two clutch home runs in the National League championship series against the New York Mets.

**Crushed**

The Dodgers got on the scoreboard first when Mickey Hatcher hit a two-run homer in the opening inning.

But Oakland strongman Jose Canseco crushed a line-drive, Grand Slam home run over the centrefield fence to put the Dodgers up 4-2.

The Dodgers built another run in the sixth inning on consecutive singles by Mike Marshall, John Shelby and Mike Scioscia with one out. But Jeff Hamilton killed the rally by hitting into a double play.



Canseco blasts a Grand Slam home run. (Reuter wirephoto)

Before those singles, the Dodgers, missing Gibson who did not start the game because of a bad knee and a pulled hamstring muscle, had managed only two hits off 20-game winner Stewart.

Eckersley began the ninth inning with his usual mastery.

He got Scioscia to pop up to short and struck out Jeff Hamilton. Mike Davis, a former Athletics player, walked.

Gibson, who had warmed up

"It was darn good that it was gone and out of there, so I didn't have to run," he said about his roundtripper, the 14th pinch-hit homer in World Series history and the first since 1981.

Gibson, who plays with a fiery intensity, had hoped to be ready to start the game but was hurting too much.

"I tried to swing in my living room last night. I thought 'oh lord, no way,'" Gibson said.

"I also tried to take a little jog in my living room. It was obvious I couldn't play because I couldn't jog."

Gibson, a former college football star, said he used an icebag to numb his knee during the game and then with the game on the line told manager Tommy Lasorda he could take a turn at bat.

"I got an injection," Gibson said about his efforts to stem the pain. "I thought I could stick it up for one at bat. It's tough with two bad legs. He (Eckersley) threw a breaking pitch low and away and that's where I like it."

Gibson "Can hit it out of the Grand Canyon," Lasorda said. "What surprised me was him going up there to hit. He was like a one-legged man."

"If you look at the replay he made an excellent pitch," Lasorda said of Eckersley.

"When Dennis Eckersley is on

the mound, the ball game is over," said Oakland first baseman Mark McGwire. "But Kirk battled him well and he's a good hitter. We kept them in the ball game," he said referring to the eight men on base Oakland stranded in the first four innings.

Eckersley, who had four saves in the American League Championship Series against the Boston Red Sox and 45 saves during the regular season, was the losing pitcher. Alejandro Pena was the winner in relief.

The Dodgers' underrated relief corps allowed just four hits and no runs in seven innings. They did not give up a hit from Dave Henderson's double in the fourth inning until Stan Javier's infield single in the ninth.

**Screaming**

Gibson, who hit two homers for Detroit in the fifth and deciding game of the 1984 World Series against the San Diego Padres, said he used his mind's eye to help him along with the stirring support from the screaming fans.

"When I got out there and started warming up, the fans were all standing up. The adrenalin was flowing," he said.

"I did a lot of visualisation and telling myself 'you love these situations.'"

That was made apparent by one mighty swing of his bat.



Stacy Allison, 29, of Portland, Oregon, poses with her ice axe at a Mount Everest base camp after becoming the first American woman to reach the summit of the world's highest mountain. She reached the peak on Sept. 29 and is the seventh woman to have climbed Mt. Everest. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Slaney closes season with Fifth Avenue win

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (Reuter) — American Mary Slaney ended an up and down racing season on a winning foot yesterday with a strong surge over the last quarter mile to overtake Christina Boxer Hill of Britain in the Fifth Avenue Mile.

American Steve Scott won the men's trophy and a West German luxury car from the race sponsor because he was the only male repeat winner in the eight-year history of the run down Manhattan's centrepiece avenue.

"I was definitely thinking about the car the last 50 yards," Scott said after clocking three minutes 53.43 seconds. He held off a furious challenge from fellow American Jeff Atkinson (3:53.77).

Marcus O'Sullivan of Ireland was third in 3:54.24.

Slaney came from a few yards behind British Olympian boxer to finish in 4:20.03 seconds.

Slowed by a virus and a calf injury at last month's Olympic Games, the 30-year-old Slaney was a disappointing 10th-place finisher in the 3,000 metres and

struggled in eighth place in the 1,500 metres.

"I wanted to finish the season on a positive note," Slaney said. "Personally I needed something positive to finish the season with. It's very gratifying win."

Cahill finished in 4:20.77.

Third place went to Elly Van Huist of the Netherlands in 4:22.09.

As the runners reached the halfway mark and the crest of the sloping straight course, Cahill took the lead from Slaney by several strides.

"When she (Slaney) faded a bit, I said 'Oh maybe she was in trouble,'" Cahill said. "It was a bit of a shock when she went past. She was just so strong at the finish. I wasn't gaining and the line was getting closer."

Said Slaney: "When I saw the finish line I said I've got to push it no matter. I needed to know I could race at the end of a race which in the last couple of months I couldn't."

The women's record in the 20-block run of 4:19.48 was set by Maricica Puica of Romania in 1986.

## Mustafa takes Asim past Crown



Ghulam Mustafa

ASTM Cricket Club beat Crown Cricket Club by 32 runs in a Friends' Trophy match at the Blue Tower ground on Friday.

Asim batted first and scored 131. In reply, Crown were all out for 99.

Asim started their innings badly losing a wicket in the second over of their innings but Saeed (28) and Tariq (42) repaired the damage. Tariq hit a six and a four. He was well supported by skipper Ghulam Mustafa who scored 25. The only other batsman to reach the double figures was Pervaiz who hit 14.

**Lost**

For Crown, Ejaz took three wickets for 24, Azam got two for 34 and Azam and Waheed one wicket each.

The Crown batsmen found the going tough against some accurate Asim bowling. They lost the first three wickets for only 11 runs before Sajid (33) and Azam (32) gave the score some respectability.

Ghulam Mustafa took four wickets for 12, while Tariq got two for 25, Zafar Iqbal two for 16 and Amer two for 32.

Ghulam Mustafa got the Man of the Match award.

## S. Africans win ANC promise to help end rugby isolation

HARARE, Oct. 16, (Reuter) — South African rugby won a promise from the African National Congress (ANC) today to help end its international isolation, provided the sport is part of all the participating organisations to ensure that rugby in South Africa is organised according to non-racial principles.

The promise came in a joint statement issued after two days of talks between the two governing bodies of the sport in South Africa — the all-white rugby board and the non-racial rugby union — and leaders of the ANC.

CLOSE

Rugby board president Danie Craven, the veteran boss of the sport which comes close to being a religion to many of South Africa's politically dominant Afrikaners, refused to answer reporters' questions.

Craven and ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo listened while

Ebrahim Patel, President of the rugby union, read a joint statement saying the Harare meeting came about because of the "the common desire on the part of all the participating organisations to ensure that rugby in South Africa is organised according to non-racial principles."

The meeting confirmed this position and agreed that South African rugby should come under one non-racial controlling body. They agreed to work together to achieve these goals and called on all people of good will inside and outside South Africa to support this process," the statement said.

They also agreed that achieving these goals "is a necessity for South African rugby to take its rightful place in world rugby."

## Nekonen takes top position in marathon race

BEIJING, Oct. 16, (AP) — Abebe Nekonen of Ethiopia overtook Japan's Hiromi Taniguchi in the last two kilometres today and paced home to capture the 8th Beijing Marathon.

The 24-year-old Ethiopian finished in two hours, seven minutes and 35 seconds — the fifth-fastest time in history, according to Chinese officials.

Taniguchi came in with an unofficial time of 2:07.38, followed by Japan's Takeshi Soh at 2:10.40.

**Ideal**

About 380 runners, including 40 from 15 foreign countries, participated in the 42.195-kilometre race which started and ended at the Workers' Stadium. The weather was cool, cloudy and with little wind, ideal marathon conditions as runners passed such landmarks as Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Coming on the heels of the Seoul Olympics, the race had few big-name runners this year. Nekonen, whose personal best previously was 2:08.39, did not run in Seoul because of an Ethiopian boycott of the Games.

The few international-class runners quickly broke away from the pack, and by the half-way point it was an Ethiopian-Japan race with Nekonen and compatriot Tadesse Gebre bunched with Taniguchi and Soh.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Notre Dame overcome top-ranked Miami

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, (AP) — Fourth-ranked Notre Dame got its long-awaited revenge yesterday, defeating top-ranked Miami 31-30 as free safety Pat Terrell broke up a two-point conversion pass with 45 seconds left.

"This was a win by the Notre Dame spirit," coach Lou Holtz said after the school's biggest win in years.

Notre Dame had been awaiting for three years to make up for an embarrassing 58-7 loss to Miami. The Fighting Irish, as the team is known, sought revenge last year but lost, 24-0.

With Miami's losing for the first time in 30 regular-season games, the No. 1 ranking in the nation is up for grabs.

Second-ranked University of California at Los Angeles bid for the top spot by beating California 38-21 as quarterback Troy Aikman threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third score.

Third-ranked Southern California remained unbeaten by withstanding the same threat as did Notre Dame. No. 16 Washington was within 28-27 with 1:21 to go when Cary Conklin's 2-point conversion pass was too low for Vince Weathersby.

Georgia Tech, winless against major-college competition since 1986, dominated from the opening snap in mauling No. 8 South Carolina 34-0, and Vanderbilt handed No. 20 Florida its second straight loss, 24-9.

In the other games matching ranked teams, No. 7 Nebraska won a 63-42 shootout with No. 10 Oklahoma State.

In other games involving the top ten, it was No. 5 Florida State 45, East Carolina 21, and No. 9 Oklahoma 70, Kansas 24.

In the second ten, it was No. 11 Clemson 49, Duke 17; No. 12 Auburn, 42, Akron 0; No. 14 Wyoming 55, New Mexico 7, No. 15 Michigan and Iowa played to a 17-17 tie; No. 17 Arkansas 27, Texas 24; No. 18 Indiana 33, Minnesota 13, and No. 19 Louisiana State 15, Kentucky 12.

No. 4 Notre Dame 31, No. 1 Miami 30.

Mistakes hurt Miami, particularly in the late stages.

With 3:52 left to play, fullback Cleveland Gary caught a 10-yard pass from Walsh but fumbled at the Notre Dame 1-yard line as he struggled to squirm into the end zone. Linebacker Michael Stonebreaker recovered for the Irish.

With 3:37 remaining, defensive end Frank Stamps stripped the ball from Walsh as he cocked his arm to pass, and nose guard Chris Zorich recovered at the 28.

**No. 2 UCLA 38, California 21**

Aikman, with 16 touchdowns passes this season, threw 52 yards to Paul Richardson in the first quarter and 40 yards to Reggie Moore in the second quarter for touchdowns. His 1-yard sneak just before halftime gave the Bruins a 24-10 lead.

**No. 3 University of Southern California 28, No. 16 Washington 27**

Rodney Peete ran for one touchdown and threw for another and Scott Lockwood rushed for 133 yards for USC, 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Pacific-10. Conklin ran for the first touchdown for Washington, 4-2 and 1-2, and then threw three touchdown passes to Brian Slater after USC had built a 21-7 advantage.

**No. 5 Florida State 45, East Carolina 21**

Chris Parker scored two touchdowns and rushed for 158 yards and Chip Ferguson threw two scoring passes for fifth-ranked Florida State, 6-1. The Seminoles broke a 14-14 tie midway through the second period of Ferguson's 17-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Lewis.

**No. 7 Nebraska 63, No. 10 Oklahoma State 42**

Nebraska, averaging 45 points a game, was led by quarterback Steve Taylor, who ran for three scores and passed for two. Tailback Ken Clark contributed 256 yards and three scores.

**Georgia Tech 34, No. 8 South Carolina 0**

Andre Thomas intercepted two passes, returning one 51 yards for a touchdown and the other 10 yards to set up Stefan Scovton's short scoring run, as Georgia Tech ended a 15-game losing streak against Division I-A opposition.

Tech, defying its underdog status, ripped to a 31-0 lead and coasted.

**No. 9 Oklahoma 70, Kansas State 24**

Oklahoma ran for a National Collegiate Athletic Association record 768 yards, including 123 by quarterback Charles Thompson, who scored three touchdowns and passed for another — all in the first period. Reserve halfback Eric Mitchell added 161 yards and touchdowns on just six carries as Oklahoma ran up 829 total yards.

## Hubara and BKME score easy wins

HUBARA Cricket Club continued their winning ways with an easy 36-victory over Casuals in the Thursday Arcon League at the New Ground in Ahmedabad.

On the same day, a fine all-round performance by Ram Mohan and superb wicketkeeping by Ronnie steered Bank of Kuwait & Middle East (BKME) to fine five-wicket win over Hawks.

Electing to bat first, Hubara skipper Craig Shipton (42) and Dave Talbot (unbeaten 80) treated the opening spells from Steve Anderson and Adi with

respect.

Casuals opening bowlers tired

and, with the introduction of Richard Snowden and Ron Seward, Dave Talbot began to strike the ball to the boundary with confidence.

Anderson returned to bowl two fast and accurate overs at the end of the innings but Hubara

still managed to score 158 for one after 22 overs. Talbot hammered 12 boundaries.

Casuals made a steady start against the bowling of Pat Flower and Dave Baldy. Kevin Wells (36) and Denis Robinson (41) batted solidly but failed to accelerate the run-rate after building a firm foundation.

With the game heading for an inevitable Hubara victory, Shipton introduced himself, T.K. Behram (three for 39) and Gerry Pallister (two for 14) in order to get the

## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## World chess

REYKJAVIK, Oct 16. (Reuter): Soviet world chess champion Garry Kasparov crushed Soviet emigre grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi yesterday to move up to joint third place in the World Cup chess tournament being played in Iceland.

## Canada eliminated

BURNABY, British Columbia, Oct 16. (AP): The United States' chances of advancing to the 1990 World Cup finals were boosted yesterday when Canada, considered the top team in the North and Central American and Caribbean region, was eliminated by Guatemala. Canada, which lost 1-0 on the road last Sunday, beat Guatemala 3-2 yesterday. Because the total-goals series was deadlocked 3-3, Guatemala advanced because it had more away goals.

## Gullit out

MILAN, Italy, Oct 16. (Reuter): Dutch striker Ruud Gullit pulled out of an Italian League match today because of an ankle injury and said he would not be fit for the Netherlands' World Cup qualifying tie against Germany on Wednesday.

## Sebastian Coe

LONDON, Oct 16. (UPI): Britain's Sebastian Coe implied today that other Olympic track and field gold medalists besides Ben Johnson could have been using drugs in their build-ups to the Games in Seoul.

## Cup qualifier

ROTTACH-EGERN, West Germany, Oct 16. (Reuter): West German manager Franz Beckenbauer recalled Italian exile Thomas Berthold today to replace Stefan Reuter for Wednesday's World Cup soccer qualifier against the Netherlands in Munich.

## English soccer

SWINDON, England, Oct 16. (Reuter): Swindon and Leeds drew 0-0 in an English Football League Division Two soccer match today.

## Heavyweight bout

MILAN, Italy, Oct 16. (AP): American Tyrell Biggs will fight unbeaten Italian heavyweight Francesco Damiani in Milan on Oct 23 in a match granting the winner a chance against World champion Mike Tyson, organizers said yesterday.

## NHL games

NEW YORK, Oct 16. (Reuter): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday:

New York	2	Montreal	1
Hartford	7	Chicago	5
Pittsburgh	9	Toronto	2
Washington	8	New Jersey	5
Detroit	5	Toronto	3
Minnesota	5	Boston	5
Philadelphia	4	Los Angeles	1

## Easy Goer

NEW YORK, Oct 16. (AP): Easy Goer lived up to his name again yesterday with a four-length victory in the \$557,000 Champagne Stakes at Belmont Park. Ridden by Pat Day, Easy Goer stalked pace-setting Is It True until the upper stretch and then took command to win in 1:34 4-5 for the mile.

## Marathon race

VENICE, Italy, Oct 16. (UPI): Orlando Pizzolato, the winner of the New York marathons in 1984 and 1985, won a closely fought Venice City marathon today in 2 hours 15 minutes 24 seconds.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:

- N/S
- 1. Gajjar & Aurora
- 2. Salman & Ezzeldin
- 3. Mukerjee & Chaudhury
- and Dr M. Oskay & Shanti
- E/W
- 1. Mrs Sager & Dr Parikh
- 2. Tisla & Ibrahim
- 3. Rasim and Qudousa

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## SHARMA TAKES FIVE WICKETS IN SHARJAH TROPHY OPENER

## Srikkanth steers India past W. Indies



Srikkanth: hit 112 for India

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 16. (AP): India scored a 23-run victory today against the favoured West Indies side in the opening match of the three-nation Sharjah Champions Cup tournament.

Replying to India's total of 238 for 5, the West Indies were all out for 215.

Man of the Match was India's Krishnamachari Srikkanth, who knocked up 112 in the one-day, 50-over game staged on ever-green grass at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

The West Indies play Pakistan next in a 5-match series for the Sharjah Trophy. The 8-day tournament, organized by the Cricketers Benefit Fund, is held twice yearly with prize money totalling \$65,000.

West Indies' acting skipper Gordon Greenidge, replacing an injured Viv Richards, won the toss and put India in to bat.

Openers Srikkanth and Navjot Sidhu started slowly, scoring just 12 runs in 8 overs.

Patrick Patterson, keeping a tight length, had Sidhu caught behind for 3. India's No 3, Mohinder Amarnath, was run out for 7.

But Srikkanth playing some spectacular shots, reached his 50 in the 25th over and then skied Roger Harper for three straight sixes.

Backed by skipper Dilip Vengsarkar, who made an unbeaten 76, Srikkanth reached his century in the 34th over. The pair put up 120 for the third wicket before Srikkanth was bowled by Carl Hooper for 112.

Chasing India's run rate of 4.76, West Indies openers Greenidge and Desmond Haynes put on 42 runs in 11 overs.

After Greenidge went, caught by Kapil Dev off Sanjeev Sharma for 27, Haynes reached his 50 in the 25th over.

Leg spinner Narendra Hirwani came on in the 24th over and dismissed Richie Richardson for 38, Australia Logie for 3 and Carl Hooper for 25.

Haynes scored 87, but the West Indies batting collapsed when Sharma came on for a second spell and finished with an impressive 5 wickets for 26 runs.

Scoreboard

INDIA  
K. Srikkanth b Hooper 112  
N. Hirwani b Patterson 3

## Ireland stun Australia in team golf final



Smyth is congratulated by his caddie (right) after his victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, Oct 16. (Reuter): Ireland captured the Dunhill Cup nation's team golf championship by beating Australia 2-1 in the final today despite a superb nine-under-par 63 by Greg Norman.

Rodger Davis of Australia drove out of bounds at the dangerous 17th hole and took a triple bogey seven as a one-shot advantage turned into a two-stroke deficit. He lost 71-73 to Des Smyth in the opening match, the most crucial contest of the three.

With that point in the bag, Ronan Rafferty clinched the triumph by making a superb par from a difficult position at 17 to avoid disaster against David Graham. Rafferty won 69-73 to clinch the \$100,000 for each of the winning trio.

That rendered meaningless Norman's magnificent 63 against Irish captain Eamonn Darcy in the final match, good for an eight-shot triumph that did nothing to change the result.

## Incredible

"This is the greatest thing ever to happen to Irish golf," Smyth said. "It's incredible that we took on such strong nations and won."

"With Greg so hot we were always going to lose that match. But with Ronan in control of it, it was obviously up to me."

The Irish trio were seeded eighth but they upset the top seeded Americans 2-1 in Friday's quarterfinals and completed a 2-1 victory over the defending champions and fifth seeds, England, early this morning. That tie had been suspended by fog yesterday.

Ireland reached the final when Nick Faldo missed a seven-foot putt on the last green this morning after returning to play the approach shot he abandoned on the 18th fairway in the fog yesterday.

Faldo hit his second to seven feet from the pin, but when he missed the putt and Smyth was down in two from 54 feet, the Irish were in the final.

It was Faldo's first defeat after nine individual Dunhill Cup victories. England lost 2-1 to Spain in the battle for third place but Faldo won his match with a 66 and was 20-under-par for his four rounds here.

## Connors brushes aside Chesnokov

TOULOUSE, France, Oct 16. (UPI): Jimmy Connors crushed an erratic Andrei Chesnokov 6-2, 6-0 in the final of a \$290,000 tennis tournament today, claiming his 10th Grand Prix title and his second in three months.

"I can't play any better than that," said Connors, 36, who allowed his Soviet challenger to win his own serve just once in the match.

"I tried to jump right out to a fast start and I just stayed on that high."

It marked the first time since 1984 that Connors, who holds the record for tournament victories, had won two Grand Prix events in one season. He won a tournament in late July in Washington.

Connors, primarily a baseliner, even came to the net behind some of his serves in the second set and caught the Soviet flat-footed.

Connors, the son of Polish emigres, regained his zest in the third set but Chesnokov was still his grip by the aggressive American who won the next four games.

Zivojinovic: wins second major singles title

SYDNEY, Oct 16. (Reuter): Slobodan Zivojinovic won the second major singles title of his career today when he blasted 18 aces past unseeded American Richard Matuszewski to clinch the Australian Indoor Grand Prix tennis tournament 7-6 4-6 3.

Zivojinovic was tested in the first set by the New Yorker, who squandered two set points, but the efforts of the finest week of his career caught up with Matuszewski in the second and the Yugoslav eventually won comfortably.

## Earnings

The victory earned Zivojinovic \$78,500, while Matuszewski's cheque of \$39,000 was more than double his earnings so far this year.

Matuszewski, ranked 101

places below Zivojinovic's 35th spot in the world list before the tournament, broke the powerful Yugoslav's serve in the first game of the match, which no other opponent had managed in the event.

Zivojinovic backed up immediately but was forced to fight from 0-40 down in his next service game to lead 2-1.

The American was not overwhelmed in his first Grand Prix final and kept his opponent pinned to the baseline with flowing topspin shots on both flanks. But he failed to find an answer to Zivojinovic's blistering serve on the hardcourt surface.

From 5-1 down in the tiebreak, Matuszewski fought back to 5-5 before earning the first of his set points.

But Zivojinovic, who did not

lose a set in the event, battled his way out of trouble via his serve and took the set on his third set point when Matuszewski volleyed wide at the net.

The man from Hopewell Junction lost heart and speed in the second set as his volleys fell to pieces. He was broken twice and lost the set tamely by serving a double fault.

Aces

Matuszewski, the son of Polish emigres, regained his zest in the third set but Zivojinovic was in command, making his point by taking the third game with four clean aces.

The American was now charging the net too often in pursuit of balls hit much too short and it was yet another pass down the line which earned Zivojinovic the title on his first match point.

Mecir powers a forehand return to Edberg. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Mecir upsets Edberg

HONG KONG, Oct 16. (AP): Third-seed Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia upset Stefan Edberg of Sweden 7-6, 6-4, 6-1 to win the Hong Kong Marlboro Tennis Championships today.

Navratilova, who was defending champion, has now won the tournament five times. She needed 75 minutes to dispatch the second-seeded Evert.

"See you in 1989," Navratilova called to the 2,500 fans after the match. "I'll be here even if Steffi (Graf) plays to play."

Navratilova, ranked second in the world behind Graf, dominated play in Filderstadt.

"I didn't play well today," Evert told reporters after the match.

Navratilova beats Evert for crown

FILDERSTADT, West Germany, Oct 16. (AP): Martina Navratilova defeated Chris Evert 6-2, 6-3 today to win the \$250,000 Virginia Slims tennis tournament.

Navratilova, who was defending champion, has now won the tournament five times. She needed 75 minutes to dispatch the second-seeded Evert.

Connors, seeded number two, who lost to Hlasek in the semifinals of the Basle event a week ago, won 5-7-6 (7-2) 6-3.

Connors, on the brink of defeat in the second set, won the tiebreak 7-2.

Hlasek, who served 19 aces, led 2-1 in the final set but had the match wrested from his grasp by the aggressive American who won the next four games.

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